

Taylor's Candy Inc. Recalls "Stuckey's Sunflower Kernels" Because of Possible Health Risk

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Announcement

Taylor's Candy, Inc. of Alsip, IL under advice from its supplier is recalling Stuckey's bags of Sunflower Kernels because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The recalled "Stuckey's Sunflower Kernels" were distributed to retail stores located in the states of : AL, AR, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MO, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, and VA.

The product comes in a 5.5 ounce, peg bag package marked with a code date of 1 1036 stamped on the front of the bag. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

This is part of an expanded recall for Sunflower Kernels processed by SunOpta Corp. where potential for contamination was noted after routine testing revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in the facility that processes the bulk kernels.

Consumers who have purchased 5.5 ounce packages of "Stuckey's" Sunflower Kernels are urged not to consume and either return them to the place of purchase or discard them. Consumers seeking information may email info@taylorscandy.com or call 708- 371-6144 between 8 A.M. and 4 P.M. CST Monday through Friday.

*** We believe that none of the products being recalled were processed or offered through the national office.**

* We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.

* ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.

* For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

For full details on the recall, please

visit: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm505789.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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