

Updated: Hickory Harvest Expands Recall of Certain Sunflower Kernel Products Because of Possible *Listeria monocytogenes*

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Announcement

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Akron, OH, – Hickory Harvest Foods, under advice from its sunflower kernel supplier, SunOpta, is expanding their recall of a limited number of products that 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. These items are *in addition* to the items recalled on May 4, 2016 and May 20, 2016.

The **additional** products were packaged at, or distributed from Hickory Harvest between the dates of June 22,2015 and May 31,2016. Shipments were to the following states: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IA, 10, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, MT, NC, NO, NE, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SO, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, and WY. No illnesses have been reported to date, but in an abundance of caution Hickory Harvest is recalling all affected products.

Recalled retail items were sold in packaged bags and deli tubs and are marked with Best By Dates located on the front or back of the packages. Listed below are details regarding the **additional** recalled items:

Hickory Harvest Sweet and Salty Trail Mix	4.5oz.	0-36232-06075-5	010216 042916 050516 052716 071416 071516 080416 101516 111616
Hickory Harvest Foods Roasted and Salted Sunflower Kernels	5 oz.	0-36232-07704-6	030316 040916 042316 043016 052716 071216 080316 081316 101216

Hickory Harvest Foods Roasted and Salted Sunflower Kernels	10oz.	0-36232-07703-9	013016 030906 030916 031016 032516 035216 042216 042916 050416 053116 060216 062216 062316 062516 070816 081216 081816 092816 101916 122516 122816
Hickory Harvest Foods Roasted and Salted Sunflower Kernels	11 oz.	0-36232-07702-2	011117 012916 031816 053116 061816 081816 081916 102716
Hickory Harvest Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel Car Cup	7 oz.	0-36232-07716-9	102816 110116 111616 111716
Heinens Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	10 oz.	0-36232-07703-9	022516 030916 032416 032516 032916 041416 052416 052516 052916 070816 081816 101916 122816

Heinens Roasted NoSalt Sunflower Kernel	10oz.	0-36232-07707-7	020416 021316 022116 032415 032416 052516 062416 070816 081816 100816 101416
Hickory Harvest Roasted NoSalt Sunflower Kernel	10oz.	0-36232-07707-7	022116 030916 032116 032416 032516 042616 042916 060216 061516 070816 071916 091416 101416
IM Good Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	1.6oz.	7-93724-80218-9	022617 050316 061116 070716 071716 080716 081316 082716 110816
Amish Farms Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	5.5oz.	8-55993-20018-6	070916 081216 100716 112516
Raylicious Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	1.5oz.	8-55291-00192-8	041417 041517 041617 070216 081416 110816 121216

Liberty Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	3oz.	6-08819-35672-3	011517 021217 030817 030917 041617 071616 071716 081316 091116 102916 120516 120715
Sheetz Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	3.5oz.	7-59465-00784-9	012617 012717 030117 031917 061816 070916 071316 083116 091516 101416 110316 110516 112016 120116 121816
Superior Brokerage Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel Car Cup	7 oz.	8-10222-02129-1	Pack Date: 16046 16048 16049 16075
Superior Brokerage Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernels	9oz.	8-10222-02022-5	Pack Date: 15224 15237 15243 15272 15280 15285 15313 15314 15324
Superior Brokerage No Salt Sunflower Kernels	9oz.	8-10222-02140-6	Pack Date: 15246 15265

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Consumers are urged not to consume these products. Consumers who purchased these products may take them back to the store where they purchased them for a refund or simply discard them. Consumers seeking information may email askus2@hickoryharvest.com or call 1-877-237-4374 Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm Eastern Time.

Retailers and wholesale customers should check their inventories and shelves to confirm that none of the products are present or available for purchase by consumers or in warehouse inventories. Please contact Hickory Harvest at askus2@hickoryharvest.com to arrange for disposal or return of the product.

This recall is being conducted with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The Company provided the following statement:

"We are dedicated to producing the highest quality and safest snacks for our customers, as their safety is our top priority. Therefore, we are following the advice of our supplier and issuing a voluntary recall on certain sunflower kernel products that are potentially contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Fortunately, there have been no consumer illnesses reported. Hickory Harvest Foods is working with its customers and the FDA to ensure the products are removed from commerce as quickly as possible."

About Hickory Harvest Foods

Hickory Harvest Foods, Inc., *The Good Snack People*, offers the largest selection of healthy and salty snacks in a variety of packaging options. Hickory Harvest Foods sells wholesale product under its own brand, the I.M. Good Snacks brand as well as private brands to grocery stores/mass retail, convenience/travel stores, distributors, food manufacturers, gift companies and fundraising organizations. Located in Akron, Ohio since 1972, the company has a proud history of retaining long-time employees that are dedicated to producing the best quality in the industry.

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- * **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/ucm505016.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

If you have questions, please contact Wayne Melichar, Food Safety Manager, at wmelichar@feedingamerica.org or 312.629.7263.