

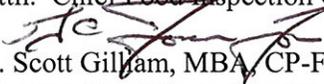


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**DATE:** March 7, 2011

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

**FROM:**   
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Director, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** DeFranco and Sons Recall

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; Bulk and consumer-packaged in-shell, hazelnut and mixed nut products containing hazelnuts because they may be contaminated with *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 bacteria; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. DeFranco and Sons received the in-shell nuts from suppliers or growers and subsequently distributed the nuts nationwide and to Canada. The 50 lb bags of in-shell hazelnuts or mixed nuts with hazelnuts may have been repacked or sold in bulk containers to consumers. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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**Recall -- Firm Press Release**

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**DeFranco and Sons Recalls Hazelnuts and Mixed Nuts with Hazelnuts Due to Possible Health Risk**

**Contact:**  
DeFranco and Sons  
800-992-3992

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - March 4, 2011 - DeFranco and Sons of Los Angeles, CA, is **voluntarily** recalling bulk and consumer-packaged in-shell, hazelnut and mixed nut products containing hazelnuts because they may be contaminated with *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 bacteria (*E. coli* O157:H7). The recall was initiated after the nut products were linked to 7 illnesses in the states of MI, MN, and WI. **To-date, no E. coli 0157:H7 has been detected in the nut products;** however, we are notifying our valued consumers and customers out of an abundance of caution.

Symptoms of *E. coli* O157:H7 infection may include abdominal cramps and diarrhea which is often bloody. Most infected people recover within a week; however, some may develop complications that require hospitalization. Young children and the elderly are at highest risk for a potentially life-threatening complication known as hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) which includes kidney failure.

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/EscherichiacoliO157H7.aspx>.

DeFranco and Sons received the in-shell nuts from suppliers or growers and subsequently distributed the nuts nationwide and to Canada. The affected nuts listed below were distributed between 11/2/10 and 12/22/10.

Brand	Size	Product	Sell By Date	UPC
Sunripe	1 lb	Large Hazelnuts	6/30/11	070533 000167
Sunripe	1 lb	Mixed Nuts	6/30/11	070533 000143
Sunripe	2 lbs	Mixed Nuts	6/30/11	070533 001003
None - (Sold as "Season's Greetings" Gift Pack)	4 lbs	Mixed Nuts	6/30/11	070533 101024
Sunripe	50 lbs	Imperial Mixed Nuts	None	None
Sunripe	50 lbs	Supreme Mixed Nuts	None	None
George Packing	50 lbs	Hazelnuts	Only the products distributed by DeFranco and Sons between 11/2/10 to 12/22/10.	

The 50 lb bags of in-shell hazelnuts or mixed nuts with hazelnuts may have been repacked or sold in bulk containers to consumers.

Consumers who think they may have the affected hazelnut or mixed nut products containing hazelnuts should not eat them and are urged to check with their place of purchase to determine if they are subject to the recall. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 800-992-3992, Monday thru Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm Pacific time.

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