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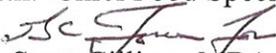
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DATE: March 26, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: The Georgia Nut Company -Pistachio Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: **Pistachio Recall; Due to Salmonella; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.**

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in Indiana. The Georgia Nut Company announced today a voluntary recall of certain bulk wholesale and retail products containing shelled pistachio nuts that have the potential to be contaminated with the Salmonella organism. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

The Georgia Nut Company Issues Voluntary Recall of Certain Snack Products Containing Shelled Pistachio Nuts Because of Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Skokie, IL – March 25, 2009 -- Skokie, IL – The Georgia Nut Company announced today a voluntary recall of certain bulk wholesale and retail products containing shelled pistachio nuts that have the potential to be contaminated with the Salmonella organism. The Company said it identified the potential as a result of a rigorous sampling and testing regimen it conducted with respect to shelled pistachios provided by a third-party supplier.

Salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis.

The voluntary recall includes the following products:

- Bulk Deluxe Mixed Nuts with shelled pistachios purchased at the Not Just Nuts store in Wauwatosa, WI from Dec. 5, 2008 through March 24, 2009;
- Bulk or custom packaged Deluxe Mixed Nuts with shelled pistachios purchased at Georgia Nut retail stores in Skokie and Glenview, IL, Georgia Nut's Chocolate House location in Greenfield, WI, and through the Company's website from Dec 11, 2008 through March 23, 2009;
- Bulk or custom packaged Dry Roasted Shelled Pistachios purchased at Georgia Nut retail stores in Skokie and Glenview, IL, Georgia Nut's Chocolate House location in Greenfield, WI, and through the Company's website from Dec 3, 2008 through March 23, 2009;
- Mixed Nuts Deluxe Roasted and Salted Bulk with shelled pistachios purchased from clear plastic bulk bins in the produce department at Dominick's Finer Foods stores in the greater Chicagoland area from Dec. 10, 2008 through March 25, 2009.

The Company said it had not received any reports of illness linked to these products, and the action is not in any way related to the recent recall of peanut and peanut butter products. The Company said it was taking the action as a precautionary measure.

The Company said consumers should not consume the recalled product. Customers are urged to return any amount of product in their possession to the place of purchase for a replacement or refund.

Georgia Nut Company has established a 24-hour consumer information line at (800) 914-4110 and www.gncinfo.com for more information.

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