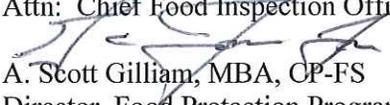




Michael R. Pence
Governor

William C. VanNess II, MD
State Health Commissioner

DATE: May 17, 2013
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: 
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Tropical Valley Foods Inc. Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Next by Nature DARK CHOCOLATE BANANAS, 3 oz. bags, due to undeclared milk and walnuts; Information is provided in case of a consumer inquiry.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the neighboring State of Michigan. The affected next by Nature DARK CHOCOLATE BANANAS was sold to distributors in Michigan, Oregon, Colorado, and New Jersey between the dates of January 3rd 2013 and January 10th 2013 for distribution to their retail customers.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

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Tropical Valley Foods Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk and Walnuts in Next by Nature Dark Chocolate Bananas

Contact

Consumer:
518-314-7162

Media:
Kristain Stone
518-314-7162

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - May 16, 2013 - Tropical Valley Foods Inc. of Plattsburgh, NY, is recalling **next by Nature DARK CHOCOLATE BANANAS, 3 oz. bags**, due to **undeclared milk and walnuts**. People who have an allergy to milk and/or walnuts run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume this product.

The affected **next by Nature DARK CHOCOLATE BANANAS** was sold to distributors in Michigan, Oregon, Colorado, and New Jersey between the dates of January 3rd 2013 and January 10th 2013 for distribution to their retail customers. Distributors were notified to inform their customers of the recall of the product, to immediately remove it from sale and discarded it.

The affected product is packaged in 3 oz. bags with **UPC 8 17582 25600 4** and "**Best by Date**" of **12/18/2013 and 12/19/2013**.

The recall was initiated after a retail store notified Tropical Valley Foods that Dark Chocolate Walnuts were found in bags labeled as **Dark Chocolate Bananas**. Subsequent investigation revealed that some Dark Chocolate Covered Walnuts were miss-packaged into bags labeled as Dark Chocolate Bananas by the chocolate coater. Further label review revealed that the product also contains **undeclared Milk** (from a sub-ingredient of the chocolate coating).

No illnesses have been reported to date associated with this problem.

Customers who purchased the affected product may return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Tropical Valley Foods at (518) 314-7162, Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm EDT.

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