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Firm recalls macadamia nuts due to possible health risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising residents that Sincerely Nuts Inc. of Brooklyn, NY, is recalling packages of Sincerely Nuts Macadamia Nuts (Raw) Whole and Sincerely Nuts Macadamia Nuts (Raw) Unsalted Halves and Pieces because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem, however the products were distributed nationwide via online sales through the company's website www.sincerelynuts.com from June 16 through August 10, and at www.amazon.com.

Salmonella is an organism which 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 and arthritis.

The recalled product was packed in clear, flexible plastic packages:

- Sincerely Nuts Macadamia Nuts (Raw) Whole was sold in 1 lb., 2 lb. and 5 lb. packages bearing **Lot Number T7R1A22045 and EXPIRES: 1/2016** stamped on the back label.
- Sincerely Nuts Macadamia Nuts (Raw) Unsalted Halves and Pieces come in 2 lb. packages bearing **EXPIRES: 11/2015** stamped on the back label (there is no lot code). New product will have a lot number.

Production of the product has been suspended while FDA and the company continue their investigation as to the source of the problem. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-888-272-8780, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, EST.

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