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More pistachio products recalled

The Kane County Health Department is advising Country Life Natural Foods of Pullman, MI is recalling shelled raw pistachios, sold in 2 lb bags and 30 lb boxes, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

No illnesses have been reported to date, but the products were distributed in retail stores in Illinois and other states, as well as through mail order and direct delivery. The 2 pound bags will bear the batch number 1357 in the lower left corner of the Country Life Natural Foods Label. The 30 lb boxes will bear the name "SAM International" lot number 102914, and best by date of April 29, 2016.

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.

This recall was initiated when FDA contract testing laboratory analysis revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in one of the 19 samples obtained from SAM International. As a precaution, additional products are being recalled as they may be contaminated since they were packed from the master lot that came to the facility. Consumers who have purchased this recalled product should not consume it. They should return it to the point of purchase. Consumers with questions should call Country Life Natural Foods at 800-456-7694, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm EST Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm EST Friday.

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