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### **Krinos Foods voluntarily recalls Tahini Jars because of possible health risk**

Krinos Foods, LLC. of Long Island City, New York, is voluntarily recalling its TAHINI sesame paste, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, 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.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this recall.

The TAHINI sesame paste product comes in 1 LB and 2 LB glass jars. The UPC code of the 1 LB jar is 0-75013-28500-3 and the 2 LB jar is 0-75013-28510-2. The recalled lots have a code stamped on the lid between "EXP OCT 16 – 2014" up to and including "EXP MAR 15 – 2015".

The potential for contamination was noted after the Michigan Department of Agriculture conducted routine testing on a sample of the product in a retail store and advised Krinos of the positive test results. Krinos has ceased distribution of the product as the investigation continues. Consumers who have purchased the recalled product are urged to discard the product and return the gold cap stamped with the dates EXP OCT 16 – 2014" up to and including "EXP MAR 15 – 2015 and proof of purchase for a full refund to:

Krinos Foods LLC  
4700 Northern Blvd.  
Long Island City, NY 11101

If consumers do not have a proof of purchase, Krinos will reimburse them \$8.00 per jar plus \$.50 for postage. Consumers with questions may contact the company at (718) 729-9000 between 8:30am and 4:30pm EST.

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