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Kirkland Signature Real Sliced Fruit recalled due to possible health risk

Oregon Freeze Dry, Inc. of Albany, Ore., has voluntarily recalled 59,780 cases of Kirkland Signature Real Sliced Fruit, produced exclusively for Costco Wholesale Stores. In cooperation with Costco, the company issued the recall after determining the product has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

No confirmed cases of *Salmonella* poisoning from consumption of this product have been reported at this time. Cases of the potentially contaminated Kirkland Signature Real Sliced Fruit were distributed to Costco Wholesale stores in Illinois and numerous other states. Any Kirkland Signature Real Sliced Fruit that is currently available for purchase has been rigorously tested and is safe for consumption. Precautionary recall measures began March 8. Consumers who may have purchased the product were contacted by phone and U.S. Mail, and a letter regarding the voluntary recall was posted on the Costco website. Furthermore, the affected product was removed from Costco floors.

Kirkland Signature Real Sliced Fruit is sold in a red and white case containing 20 pouches of freeze-dried snacks. Consumers who have purchased Kirkland Signature Real Sliced Fruit with the following "Best Before Dates," listed on the upper left corner of the front panel of the case, are urged to return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Best Before Date: FEB 14 2015 - MAR 11 2015 (which reads FEB142015 - MAR112015)

Customers with questions may contact the company at recall@ofd.com. or 1-888-641-2933 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. 5 p.m. PDT.

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.

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