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SunOpta Further Expansion – *Listeria monocytogenes* Class 1 Recall

At a Glance: SunOpta, an Edina, Minnesota Establishment is further expanding a class 1 recall on some of its roasted sunflower kernel products due to the potential presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* (Listeria). Due to this expansion **Kellogg's, DOT Foods, Milwaukee Center for Independence, Woodland Foods, TARRIER FOODS, Quaker Oats Company** and **Food Innovation** have all recalled their products associated with the sun flower kernels. Per the supplier, no illnesses have been reported. More information can be found at:

http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm504808.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

All US Foods vendors are aware of the recall and are checking their shipments. US Foods has notified its affected distribution centers and customers, but additional recalls and notifications may continue as this situation evolves. Multiple recalls notifications may be issued.

The Issue: Listeria is a bacterium that can cause high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness, and nausea usually within 3 weeks after exposure. Listeria can cause a potentially fatal disease called Listeriosis. Listeriosis, a serious infection usually caused by eating food contaminated with the bacterium *Listeria monocytogenes*, is an important public health problem in the United States. The disease primarily affects older adults, pregnant women, newborns, and adults with weakened immune systems. However, rarely, persons without these risk factors can also be affected. The risk may be reduced by following recommendations for safe food preparation, consumption, and storage. For more information please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/listeria/>.

Am I Impacted? US Foods' number one priority is to notify any customer impacted by a recall. Our twelve (12) distribution centers affected by this recall have already begun to contact affected customers. If you purchased a recalled product from us, you will be contacted shortly, or have already been contacted. If you purchased products elsewhere, use the information above to check with your supplier.

Why Do Recalls Expand? Manufacturers expand recalls as they verify their own supply chains. In addition, federal and local governments often do additional product testing that leads to an expansion. US Foods will provide updated Fast Facts as new information becomes available. US Foods will only contact customers IF they purchased recalled products from us.

What You Can Do:

- Avoid eating or serving any recalled products
- Do not use any of these products as ingredients in recipes, even if cooked
- Follow instructions to discard recalled products in a manner that prevents others from eating them.
- Wash and sanitize display cases and refrigerators where potentially contaminated products were stored
- Operators who have processed any potentially contaminated products need to be concerned about cross-contamination
- Wash and sanitize cutting boards, surfaces, and utensils used to prepare, serve, or store potentially contaminated products
- Wash hands with warm water and soap following the cleaning and sanitation process
- Persons who think they may have become ill with a food-borne illness should consult their health care providers
- For food safety questions call FDA at 1-888-SAFEFOOD (Mon-Fri from 10- 4 PM EST) or go to <http://www.fda.gov/default.htm>

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