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## SunOpta Expansion – *Listeria monocytogenes* Class 1 Recall

**At a Glance:** SunOpta, of Edina, Minnesota is expanding its class 1 recall on some of its roasted sunflower kernel products due to the potential presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* (Listeria). This is an expansion from the May 4<sup>th</sup> notice to include additional lots and products. Due to the expanded recall; Food Innovations, Tarrier Foods, Milwaukee Center for Independence, The Quaker Oats Company, and E S Foods have all recalled their sunflower assorted products as a precaution. Per SunOpta, no illnesses have been reported. For more information:

[http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm502184.htm?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm502184.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

All US Foods suppliers 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:** According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website, *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 infection called Listeriosis. Listeriosis, is usually caused by eating food contaminated with the bacterium *Listeria Monocytogenes*, and as described by the CDC is an important public health problem in the United States. Listeriosis 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 twenty-four (24) 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.

### **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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