NJLINCS Health Alert Network Public Health Info

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Please review the following message from Alan Talarsky, Environmental Scientist 1, Food and Drug Safety Program, NJDOH regarding the following Class 1 Recalls issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration:

1. PROLAINAT is voluntarily recalling all lots of 9.16 oz packages of Trader Joe's A Dozen Sweet Bites (Chocolate & Coffee "Opéra" Cake, Raspberry "Macaron Aux Framboises" Cake, Caramel & Chocolate Cake) due to undeclared coconut. People who have an allergy or sensitivity to coconut run the risk of serious or life threatening allergic reaction if they consume the product. The Trader Joe's A Dozen Sweet Cakes is safe for consumption by those who do not have coconut allergies.

The recalled product was produced from January 1, 2011 to February 5, 2015 and distributed to Trader Joe's stores nationwide. The product was sold frozen and packaged in a 9.16 oz box with a photograph of the product on the front of the box and a UPC #00967679 that can be found printed the back of the package.

The recall was initiated after a routine product packaging review surfaced the omission of coconut from the ingredient panel. All affected product has been removed from shelves and from distribution.

No allergic reactions or illnesses have been reported to date.

Customers who have purchased 9.16 oz packages of Trader Joe's A Dozen Sweet Bites and have a sensitivity to coconut are urged to discard the product or return it to any Trader Joe's for a full refund. Customers with questions may contact Trader Joe's Customer Relations at 626-599-3817 [Monday through Friday, 6:00AM to 6:00 PM PST].

We deeply regret this situation and apologize to any consumers for any inconvenience.

2. Conway Import Co., Inc. is recalling Conway Organic Sesame Ginger Dressing and Conway Citrus Organic Vinaigrette Dressing 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.

Product was distributed in Illinois, Maryland, Georgia, Florida, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Texas through direct deliveries.

The products were packed in plastic gallon jars with the mfg. code printed on the top of the cap and the cardboard shipping container.

Conway Organic Sesame Ginger Dressing Recipe Code N-22 MFG.CODE DATE: 28814....363014....030015....051015

Conway Citrus Organic Vinaigrette Dressing Recipe Code L-18

MFG.CODE DATE: 276014....337014

There have been no illnesses reported to date.

This recall was a result of a recall by FRONTIER CO-OP for a possible health risk from ORGANIC GARLIC POWDER.

Consumers and Media with any questions may contact CONWAY IMPORT CO., INC. at 847-455-5600.

No action is required of local health departments at this time for either of these recalls. If any requests for assistance are received from FDA, the Food and Drug Safety Program will contact you. For additional information regarding warnings and recalls, please click on the weblink below.

For all recalls - http://www.recalls.gov/recent.html