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Heading

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—Recall of protein bars by Bhu Foods in the U.S. due to potential *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination of organic sunflower seeds ingredients

The incident

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a notice regarding a recall of Protein Bars products in the U.S. by Bhu Foods due to potential *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination of organic sunflower seeds ingredients.

According to Bhu Foods, the organic sunflower seeds in the recalled products were from Hudson Valley Foods, Inc which has the potential *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination.

Bhu Foods is recalling the following flavors of Protein bars produced from May 9, 2017 – June 9, 2017 which was available nationwide in retail stores in U.S. as well as by mail order/direct delivery.:

Products being recalled:

| Product Description | Lot Code |
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| Organic Vegan Protein – Chocolate + Tart Cherry + Pistachio | 13717 |
| Organic Vegan Protein – Apple Chunk + Cinnamon + Nutmeg | 13717 |
| Organic Vegan Protein – Peanut Butter + Chocolate Chip | 13917 |
| Organic Vegan Protein – Superfood Chocolate Chip + | 13817 and 15417 |

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| | Fudge Brownie Batter | |
| | Organic Vegan Protein – Peanut Butter + White Chocolate | 15317 and 15417 |
| | Grass Fed Whey Protein – Dark Chocolate + Coconut + Almond (Made with Organic Ingredients) | 13917 |
| | Grass Fed Whey Protein – Salted Caramel + Pecan (Made with Organic Ingredients) | 13017 and 13817 |
| | Grass Fed Whey Protein – Vanilla + Almond + Cashew (Made with Organic Ingredients) | 13017 and 13817 |
| | Paleo Protein – Double Dark Chocolate Chip (Made with Organic Ingredients) | 13117, 14017, and 14317 |
| | Details of products being recalled are listed in | the FDA website. |
| Source | https:// www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm568096.htm | |
| Position of CFS | Information on product distribution outside the US is not available from the FDA website. CFS is investigating whether the affected batches have been imported to Hong Kong and is contacting the U.S. authority for further information. Preliminary investigation did not identify local sale or import of the affected products. Acquisition of the products through online purchase or | |

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international travel cannot be excluded.

- Consumers should discard the products and not consume them.
- CFS will remain vigilant and monitor for any new development and take appropriate actions when necessary.
- Investigation by CFS is ongoing.
- Listeriosis is usually caused by eating food contaminated with Listeria which can be easily destroyed by cooking but can survive and multiply at refrigerator temperatures. Severe complications may occur, such as septicaemia, meningitis or even death in newborns, elderly and those with weaker immune systems; and miscarriages during pregnancy.

Additional information

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