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Whole Foods Market voluntarily recalls packaged raw macadamia nuts due to possible health risk

Recalled items sold in AR, AZ, CA, CO, HI, KS, LA, NM, NV, OK, TX, UT Whole Foods Market Stores

AUSTIN, Texas (June 25, 2015) – Whole Foods Market is voluntarily recalling packaged raw macadamia nuts due to possible *Salmonella* contamination. *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. 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.

The product was labeled as “Whole Foods Market Raw Macadamia Nuts” and was packaged in 11 oz. plastic tubs. The recalled product has best-by dates of March 19, 2016 through June 21, 2016 and a UPC code of 0-76958-62059-1.

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No illnesses have been reported to-date. Based upon routine testing conducted by an FDA-contracted laboratory, it was determined that the raw macadamia nuts tested positive for *Salmonella*.

Customers who have purchased this product should discard it and may bring in their receipt for a full refund.

Consumers with questions may contact Whole Foods Market Customer Service, 512-477-5566 ext. 20060 Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm CDT.