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DATE: February 22, 2016
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: *Kristin Jasper*
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SUBJECT: Country Life Natural Foods - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: Shelled Raw Pistachios

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; The recall has been initiated because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella.

- The 2 pound bags will bear the batch number 1357 in the lower left corner of the Country Life Natural Foods Label.
- The 30 lb boxes will bear the name "SAM International" lot number 102914, and best by date of April 29, 2016.

The shelled raw pistachios were distributed in Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan, through retail stores, mail order, and direct delivery.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers with questions should call Country Life Natural Foods at 800-456-7694, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm EST Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm EST Friday. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Country Life Natural Foods Recalls Raw Pistachios Because of Possible Health Risk

For Immediate Release

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Announcement

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Country Life Natural Foods of Pullman, MI is recalling shelled raw pistachios, sold in 2 lb bags and 30 lb boxes, 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.

The shelled raw pistachios were distributed in AR, CA, FL, IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, OK, SC, SD, TN, and WI through retail stores, mail order, and direct delivery.

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No illnesses have been reported to date.

This recall was initiated when FDA contract testing laboratory analysis revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in one of the 19 samples obtained from SAM International. As a precaution, additional products are being recalled as they may be contaminated since they were packed from the master lot that came to our facility. We are working closely with FDA to determine the cause of this situation.

Consumers who have purchased this recalled product should not consume it. They should return it to the point of purchase. Consumers with questions should call Country Life Natural Foods at 800-456-7694, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm EST Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm EST Friday.

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Product Photos



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"Hearken diligently unto
Me, and eat ye that which
is good..." Isaiah 55:2

**SHELLED PISTACHIOS
RAW**

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Allergy Alert: Product packed in a facility that also handles
nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat.

NET WT. 2 Lbs (906 g)

SAM INTERNATIONAL

RAW WHOLE PISTACHIO 80% VP

LOT# 102914

NET WT: 30 LBS.