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DATE: December 14, 2015

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: Laurie Kidwell, RRT Supervisor
Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: The Sweet Leaf Tea Company - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: Sweet Leaf® Tea

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; The recall has been initiated due to the possible presence of glass fragments. This was the result of glass breakage during the filling process.

Sweet Leaf 16 ounce glass product only	Manufacture Code	Manufacture Date	Best By Date	Bottle Label UPC	Case UPC
Sweet Leaf Tea Raspberry	022615057WC402 042315113WC402 042415114WC402 060415155WC402	2/26/15 4/23/15 4/24/15 6/5/15	6/30/16 8/31/16 8/31/16 10/31/16	6-51538-06703-6	6-51538-06803-3
Sweet Leaf Half and Half Lemonade Tea	022715058WC402 042315113WC402 060315154WC402	2/27/15 4/23/15 6/3/15	6/30/16 8/31/16 10/31/16	6-51538-06708-1	6-51538-06808-8
Sweet Leaf Tea Original	022615057WC402 042514115WC402 042415114WC402 060315154WC402	2/26/15 4/25/15 4/24/15 6/3/15	6/30/16 8/31/16 8/31/16 10/31/16	6-51538-06700-5	6-51538-06800-2
Sweet Leaf Tea Green Tea w/Citrus	022715058WC402 042415114WC402 060415155WC402	2/27/15 4/24/15 6/4/15	6/30/16 8/31/16 10/31/16	6-51538-06720-3	6-51538-06820-0
Sweet leaf Tea Peach	022615057WC402 042315113WC402 060415155WC402	2/26/15 4/23/15 6/4/15	6/30/16 8/31/16 10/31/16	6-51538-06704-3	6-51538-06804-0
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In order to determine the manufacturing date and best by date of a bottle, consumers are advised to look for the manufacturing code on the shoulder of a bottle or on the shipping case, as seen below:

First Line
042415 – **Production Date Code: mmddyy (e.g. April 24, 2015)**
114 – **Julian Date Code**
WC40 – **Factory Code**
2 – **Bottling Line Identification Code**

Second Line
15:19 – **Military Time**
BB 08/31/16 – **Best Before date mm/dd/yy (e.g. August 31, 2016)**

The recalled product was distributed nationwide.

SUGGESTED ACTION: **Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers who have any of the glass products with the affected date codes should not drink the product, can contact the Sweet Leaf toll-free number 1-877-832-5323 Monday through Friday 8am - 8pm EST for replacement product, or return the product to the store of purchase for a refund. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.**

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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.

The Sweet Leaf Tea Company Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Tea in Glass Bottles

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For Immediate Release

December 10, 2015

Contact

Consumers

Sweet Leaf
1-877-832-5323

Firm Press Release
View Product Photos

The Sweet Leaf Tea Company announced today that it is voluntarily recalling Sweet Leaf® Tea in 16 ounce glass bottles out of an abundance of caution because of the possible presence of glass fragments. This was the result of glass breakage during the filling process. Consumers could potentially be cut or injured if ingested. The company has received 4 complaints of glass in the product. No injuries were reported.

The voluntary recall is limited to specific production codes of Sweet Leaf® Tea, as follows, which were distributed between February 27, 2015 and December 6, 2015. Only 16 ounce glass bottles are affected, and only those listed below:

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The Sweet Leaf Tea Company is committed to ensuring the quality and safety of all of its products. All recalled products are being removed from store shelves. Consumers who have any of the glass products with the affected date codes should not drink the product, can contact the Sweet Leaf toll-free number 1-877-832-5323 Monday through Friday 8am - 8pm EST for replacement product, or return the product to the store of purchase for a refund.

This recall is being conducted with the knowledge of and in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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Product Photos

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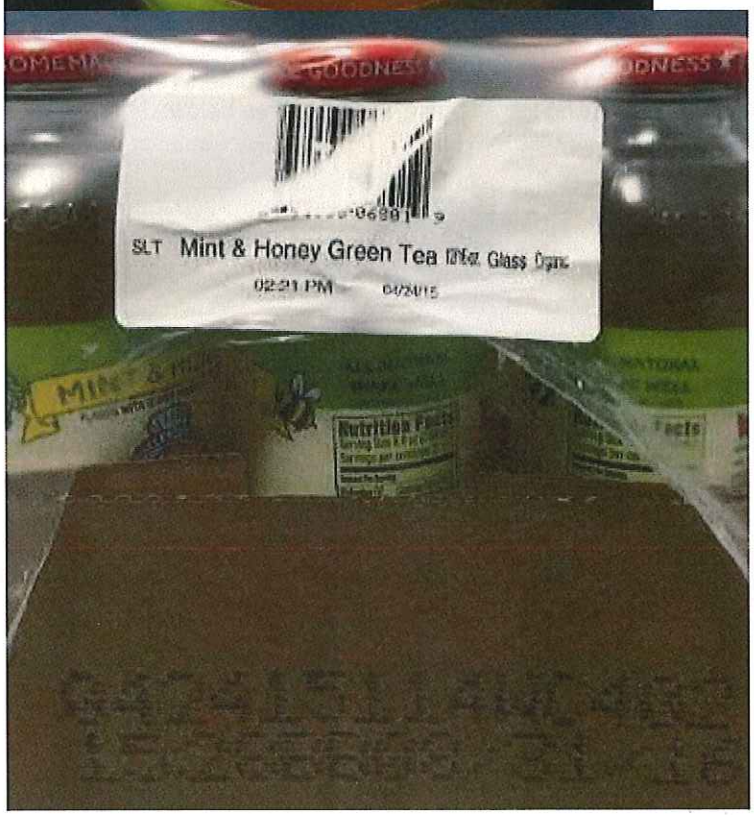
- 


ORGANIC
HALF & HALF
SWEET LEAF
LEMONADE TEA
premium black tea blended with real lemon juice and cane sugar
180
USDA
ALL-NATURAL
SHAKE WELL
5% JUICE
Nutrition Facts
HI·ME 5¢·WV 1¢
CA CRV
EST. 1998
OUR STORY
Keep in icebox after opening.
Keep in icebox after opening.


ORGANIC
MINT & HONEY
FLAVOR WITH OTHER NATURAL FLAVORS
SWEET LEAF
GREEN TEA
premium green tea leaves infused with spearmint flavor and real honey
120
USDA
ALL-NATURAL
SHAKE WELL
CONTAINS NO JUICE
Nutrition Facts
HI·ME 5¢·WV 1¢
CA CRV
EST. 1998
OUR STORY
Keep in icebox after opening.
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ORGANIC
THE ORIGINAL
SWEET LEAF
SWEET TEA
premium black tea leaves sweetened with real cane sugar
150
USDA
ALL-NATURAL
SHAKE WELL
Nutrition Facts
HI·ME 5¢·WV 1¢
CA CRV
EST. 1998
OUR STORY
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ALL-NATURAL
PEACH
FLAVOR WITH OTHER NATURAL FLAVOR
SWEET LEAF
ICED TEA
160
premium black tea blended with the rich flavor of peaches
ALL-NATURAL
SHAKE WELL
CONTAINS NO JUICE
Nutrition Facts
H E 5¢ WV 1¢
CA CRV
EST. 1998
OUR STORY
Keep in icebox after opening
ORGANIC
RASPBERRY
SWEET LEAF
ICED TEA
160
premium black tea blended with rich raspberry flavor
ALL-NATURAL
SHAKE WELL
CONTAINS NO JUICE
Nutrition Facts
H E 5¢ WV 1¢
CA CRV
EST. 1998
OUR STORY
Keep in icebox after opening
ALL-NATURAL
CITRUS
FLAVOR WITH OTHER NATURAL FLAVOR
SWEET LEAF
GREEN TEA
160
premium green tea infused with refreshing citrus flavor
ALL-NATURAL
SHAKE WELL
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CA CRV
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