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Republic of Tea recalls green tea product

The Kane County Health Department is advising residents that The Republic of Tea, of Novato, Calif., is voluntarily recalling its Organic Turmeric Ginger Green Tea in response to a possible health risk. There have been no illnesses reported in connection with this voluntary recall. No other teas are impacted by this recall.

The Republic of Tea was notified by one of its suppliers of the possibility that one lot of its organic ginger ingredient may be contaminated with *Salmonella* bacteria

The organic ginger supplier reported this finding from another customer. The Republic of Tea and the organic ginger supplier have conducted their own investigations and have tested numerous samples of organic ginger by accredited independent third party laboratories and confirmed the absence of *Salmonella*.

Despite the fact it was confirmed that there is no *Salmonella* in the organic ginger that was tested, The Republic of Tea is taking the precautionary measure to recall the following:

- Organic Turmeric Ginger Green Tea – 50 CT Tin, UPC: 7-42676-40355-5 – Best Sipped by March 23, 2018
- Organic Turmeric Ginger – 250 CT Bulk Bag, UPC: 7-42676-30655-9 – Best Sipped by March 23, 2018
- Organic Turmeric Ginger – 250 CT Bulk Bag, UPC: 7-42676-30655-9 – Best Sipped by April 13, 2018
- Organic Turmeric Ginger – 50 CT Refill Bag, UPC: 7-42676-42155-9 – Best Sipped by March 23, 2018

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, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

Citizens may return Organic Turmeric Ginger Green Tea to The Republic of Tea for a replacement tea, or for a full refund. More information is available at teasafety@republicoftea.com or call 1-800-298-4832, Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00am-5:00pm CST.

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