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Braga Organic Farms recalls pistachios because of possible health risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising that Braga Organic Farms is conducting a voluntary recall of pistachios due to potential contamination with *Salmonella*. Although no illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this recall, the recalled nuts were distributed through online sales nationwide, as well as in some retail stores on the West Coast

The product comes in a clear or green standup bag, with the date code stamped on the bottom of the bag. The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing by the FDA revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in a one-pound package of raw pistachio kernels purchased online.

A list of affected products and code dates can be found by clicking <u>here</u>; no other Braga Organic Farms products are associated with this voluntary recall.

Salmonella is an organism that 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 can 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.

Consumers who have purchased this recalled product should not consume it. They should destroy it or return it to the point of purchase. Consumers with questions should call 855-661-2101, 8:15 am -4:30 pm, PST, Monday through Friday.