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Protein bars recalled due to possible contamination

The Kane County Health Department is advising that Amrita Health Foods of Pleasantville, N.Y., is recalling a limited number of Amrita Bars because some ingredients sold to the company may be contaminated.

Amrita learned that sunflower seeds and sunflower seed butter sold to the company by Hudson Valley Foods, Inc. of Highland, N.Y., have been recalled. This recall is being conducted because the Amrita Bars have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

No illnesses have been reported but the recalled Amrita Bars were distributed across the country via retail stores, ecommerce and direct sales. All affected distributors and retail website customers have been notified.

Amrita Health Foods is recalling the following flavors of protein bars produced from April 24th, 2017 – May 31st, 2017 with best buy dates of 04/24/2018 to 05/31/2018. The Best Buy dates are on the back of the package near the UPC code.

- **Amrita Chocolate Maca Bar, 60g (UPC 853009004056)** : Best Buy date between 04/24/2018 to 05/31/2018
- **Amrita Dark Chocolate Quinoa, 60g (UPC 853009004438)** : Best Buy date between 04/24/2018 to 05/31/2018
- **Amrita Sunflower Seed Butter, 60g (UPC 853009004414)** : Best Buy date between 04/24/2018 to 05/31/2018
- **Amrita Chocolate Chip Coconut, 50g (UPC 853009004391)** : Best Buy date between 04/24/2018 to 05/31/2018
- **Amrita Mango Coconut, 50g (UPC 853009004018)** : Best Buy date between 04/24/2018 to 05/31/2018

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- **Amrita Apricot Strawberry, 50g (UPC 853009004056)** : Best Buy date between 04/24/2018 to 05/31/2018
- **Amrita Pineapple Chia, 50g (UPC 853009004025)** : Best Buy date between 04/24/2018 to 05/31/2018
- **Amrita Apple Cinnamon, 50g (UPC 853009004049)** : Best Buy date between 04/24/2018 to 05/31/2018
- **Amrita Cranberry Raisin, 50g (UPC 853009004032)**: Best Buy date between 04/24/2018 to 05/31/2018

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Consumers should not consume these products. Affected product may be returned to the place of purchase for an exchange. Consumers with questions may contact Amrita Health Foods Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm (EST) at 1-888-728-7779.

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