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Homestat Farm recalling Organic Steel Cut Oats because of possible health risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising that the firm of Homestat Farm of Dublin, Ohio, is recalling some of its 42-ounce packages only of "Organic Steel Cut Oats & Chia with Flax And Rye Flakes" because the flax seed ingredient has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

Although no illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this issue, the product was distributed on a limited basis in Sams Club retail stores in Illinois and other several other states.

The product comes in a 42 ounce carton UPC 8 35882 00620 4 marked with Best Buy: 03/16/17-1, 03/16/18-1, 03/19/17-1, 03/19/17-2, 03/23/17-1, 03/23/17-2, 03/24/17-1, 03/26/17-1, 03/26/17-2, 04/08/17-2. The best buy date can be found embossed on the bottom flap of box next to the bar code.

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 (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.

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Consumers who have purchased these 42-ounce packages of "Organic Steel Cut Oats & Chia with Flax And Rye Flakes" should return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers and media with questions may contact the company at (800) 819-3918 M-F 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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