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Frozen tuna products recalled due to possible contamination

The Kane County Health Department is advising that the Osamu Corporation of Gardena, CA is recalling all of its frozen tuna (loin, saku, chunk, slice, and ground market forms) because it may be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

No illnesses related to this recall have been reported in Illinois, but there have been two reports of illness associated with a single distributor in Minnesota. The frozen tuna was sold in bulk packaging to distributors who further sold it to sushi restaurants, and grocery stores who packaged sushi rolls made available for consumers to purchase and take home, throughout the U.S. from 05/09/14 to 07/09/15.

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. Persons developing these symptoms should seek medical attention.

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The bulk frozen tuna products can be identified from the Purchase Order Number printed on each product carton box end panel; see example by clicking here.

Consumers concerned about whether the sushi they purchased may contain the recalled tuna product should check with the restaurant or store where they purchased the sushi. That store will be able to determine if it used the recalled product to prepare the sushi. Customers who have purchased the frozen tuna products are urged to return it to the distributor for a full refund. Consumers and media with questions may contact the company at (310) 849-8881, Mondays through Fridays, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. (PDT).