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Sunland, Inc. Announces Voluntarily Limited Recall of Almond Butter and Peanut Butter Products Due to Possible Health Risk

No cases of contamination found in New Mexico, but recall precautions recommended

Portales, NM – Sunland, Inc. today announced a voluntary limited recall of its Almond Butter and Peanut Butter products, manufactured between May 1, 2012 and September 24, 2012, because these products may be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and those with weakened immune systems. For this reason, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and Department of Health (NMDOH) are recommending New Mexico residents dispose or return any of the products listed below that have matching UPC numbers.

“Because many of these products came from the Sunland, Inc. manufacturing facility in Portales, we want to take no chances,” said NMED Secretary David Martin. “Sunland has assured the public that these products have been removed from store shelves, but, we are asking New Mexico residents to double check to determine if they have any of these items in their homes.”

The voluntary recall was initiated after learning that between June 11, 2012 and September 2, 2012, twenty-nine people reported Salmonella Bredeney PFGE matching illnesses in approximately 19 states. **There are no confirmed cases of illnesses in New Mexico.**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has already dispatched inspectors to Sunland, Inc. in Portales to take further samples in an effort to confirm a possible link between the illnesses in the 19 states and the manufacturing facility. Those samples will be analyzed as quickly as possible, with results possible in the near future. The NMED Environmental Health Bureau is coordinating possible follow-up inspections with the FDA and Sunland, Inc.

More information on the specifics of the voluntary recall can be found at:
<http://www.sunlandinc.com/788/html/index.htm>.

The FDA also has information at:
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm320579.htm?source=govdelivery>.

The CDC has information at: <http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/bredeney-09-12/>.

SUNLAND RECALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN ATTACHMENT

INFORMATION REGARDING SUNLAND RECALL:

The recall is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). **No other Sunland products are affected by this recall.**

The products were distributed nationally to numerous large supermarket chains.

The UPC is located on the side of the jar's label below the bar code.

The specifics of the affected products are as follows:

(UPC Number, Type of Product, Jar Size)

8523902334 Archer Farms Creamy Almond Butter 16 oz
8523902333 Archer Farms Peanut Butter with Flax Seeds 16 oz
3377610090 Earth Balance Natural Almond Butter and Flaxseed 16 oz
051379022518 fresh & easy Crunchy Almond Butter 16 oz
20003357 fresh & easy Organic Creamy Peanut Butter with Sea Salt 16 oz
20003364 fresh & easy Creamy Peanut Butter 18 oz
20003388 fresh & easy Organic Crunchy Peanut Butter with Sea Salt 16 oz
051379026431 fresh & easy Creamy Peanut Butter 40 oz
20003395 fresh & easy Creamy Almond Butter 16 oz
20003357 fresh & easy Organic Creamy Peanut Butter with Sea Salt 16 oz
20003371 fresh & easy Crunchy Peanut Butter 18 oz
2060140048 heinen's All Natural Peanut Butter, Creamy 16 oz
2060140047 heinen's All Natural Peanut Butter, Crunchy 16 oz
2060140046 heinen's Organic Peanut Butter, Creamy 16 oz
2060140045 heinen's Organic Peanut Butter, Crunchy 16 oz
3307915073 Joseph's Salt-Free No Sugar Added New Crunchy Valencia Peanut Butter 18 oz
3307915072 Joseph's Salt-Free No Sugar Added New Creamy Valencia Peanut Butter 18 oz
910053 Natural Value Creamy Peanut Butter/Salt 15 lb
910060 Natural Value Crunchy Peanut Butter/Salt 15 lb
5859500020 Naturally More Organic Peanut Butter 16 oz
5859500019 Naturally More Almond Butter 16 oz
5859500033 Naturally More Peanut Butter Crunchy 16 oz
5859500055 Naturally More Peanut Butter, Gluten Free Vegan 26 oz
5859500050 Naturally More Peanut Butter, Gluten Free Vegan 16 oz
7989311202 Open Nature Crunchy Peanut Butter 16 oz

7989311201 Open Nature Old Fashioned Creamy Peanut Butter 16 oz
5855200003 Peanut Power Butter, Original Formula 16 oz
5855200007 Peanut Power Butter, Original Formula 4 lb
4792100442 Serious Food, Silly Prices Almond Butter Creamy 12 oz
4792100439 Serious Food, Silly Prices Organic No-Stir Peanut Butter, Crunchy 16 oz
4792100438 Serious Food, Silly Prices Organic No-Stir Peanut Butter, Creamy 16 oz
4792100436 Serious Food, Silly Prices Organic Peanut Butter, Creamy 16 oz
4792100435 Serious Food, Silly Prices, No-Stir Peanut Butter, Crunchy 16 oz
4792100434 Serious Food, Silly Prices, No-Stir Peanut Butter, Creamy 16 oz
4792100432 Serious Food, Silly Prices, Peanut Butter, Creamy 16 oz
8506000004 Snaclite Power PB 16 oz
7487500334 Sprouts Farmers Market Creamy Peanut Butter, No Salt 16 oz
7487500335 Sprouts Farmers Market Crunchy Peanut Butter, No Salt 16 oz
7487500336 Sprout's Creamy Peanut Butter 16 oz
7487500337 Sprout's Crunchy Peanut Butter 16 oz
7487500433 Sprout's Creamy Almond Butter 16 oz
7487500434 Sprout's Crunchy Almond Butter 16 oz
7487500431 Sprout's Creamy Peanut Butter 16 oz
4868787906 Sunland Natural Peanut Butter Crunchy Valencia No Stir 16 oz
4868786906 Sunland Natural Peanut Butter Creamy Valencia No Stir 16 oz
4868722906 Sunland Natural Peanut Butter Creamy Salt Free Valencia 16 oz
4868709915 Sunland Creamy Peanut Butter with Sea Salt 40 oz
4868726910 Sunland Creamy Peanut Butter 12 oz
4868785920 Sunland Valencia Peanut Butter 36 oz
062725 Sunland Dark Roast Creamy Peanut Butter 40 lb
4868730725 Sunland Organic Creamy Peanut Butter 40 lb
029725 Sunland Pecan Deluxe Creamy Peanut Butter 40 lb
028725 Sunland Pecan Deluxe Crunchy Peanut Butter 40 lb
26570 Sunland Creamy Dark Roast Peanut Butter 500 lb
4868726909 Sunland Creamy Peanut Butter 18 oz
4868767909 Sunland Natural Creamy Peanut Butter 18 oz
4868785920 Sunland Valencia Peanut Sauce 36 oz
22725 Sunland Creamy Peanut Butter 40 lb
22704 Sunland Creamy Peanut Butter 5 lb
4868722715 Sunland Organic Creamy Peanut Butter 40 lb
4868721722 Sunland Crunchy Peanut Butter 15 lb
48687009704 Sunland Natural Creamy Peanut Butter 5 lb
4868790301 Sunland Creamy Natural Stabilizer Peanut Butter 50 lbs
87725 Sunland Crunchy Natural Stabilized Peanut Butter 40 lb
4868786724 Sunland Creamy Peanut Butter 35 lb
4868786704 Sunland Creamy No Stir Peanut Butter 5 lb
4868784301 Sunland Extra Stabilized Organic Creamy Peanut Butter 50 lb
21705 Sunland Crunchy Peanut Butter 40 lb
25704 Crunchy Sugar Butter 5 lb
26704 Creamy Sugar Butter 5 lb
072704 Sunland Almond Butter 5 lb

003050 Dogsbutter RUC with Flax PB 16 oz
4868772906 Sunland Natural Almond Butter, Creamy Roasted Almond 16 oz
00989275 Trader Joe's Valencia Peanut Butter with Roasted Flaxseeds, Crunchy & Salted 16 oz
00971119 Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter with Sea Salt 16 oz
00940795 Trader Joe's Almond Butter with Roasted Flaxseeds, Crunchy & Salted 16 oz

Best-If-Used-By Dates: This recall applies to the above products with Best-If-Used-By Dates between May 1, 2013 and September 24, 2013. (Stamped on the side of the jar's label below the lid of the jar.)

Consumers who have purchased Sunland's Almond Butter and Peanut Butter products with the above UPC and Best-If-Used-By-Dates are urged to discard the product immediately or return it to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Consumers can contact the company at **1-866-837-1018**, which is operational 24 hours a day, for information on the recall. In addition, a consumer services representative is available Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM MT at 575-356-6638.

Media representatives interested in contacting the manufacturer should contact Ms. Katalin Coburn, Vice President for Media Relations, Sunland, Inc., at 805-796-3368.

Media representatives interested in contacting the New Mexico Environment Department Environmental Health Bureau for comment should call Mr. Johnathan Gerhardt, Food Specialist at 505-362-8861 or e-mail at Johnathan.Gerhardt@state.nm.us.

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