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Tillamook Country Smoker Recalls Pistachios Because of Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- April 7, 2009 -- Tillamook Country Smoker of Bay City, Oregon is recalling **1.5 oz. (42 g) and 1 lb. Packages of Pistachios (Salted in Shell)**, because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The products were manufactured using pistachios recalled by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. because they may be contaminated with *Salmonella*. *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.

The 1.5 oz. packages of Pistachios were distributed and sold nationwide through retail stores, distribution centers or via the Internet. One pound (1 lb.) packages were sold in the onsite retail store located in Bay City, OR.

Pistachios were packaged in a 1.5 oz. (42 g) and 1 lb. plastic packages and labeled "Tillamook Country Smoker Pistachios". Affected products have a "Sell By Date" ranging from 07 30 09 through 12 17 09. The 1.5 oz. package has a UPC code of "051943500607", and there is no UPC code on the 1 lb. package.

No known illnesses have been reported to date in connection with these products. The recall was initiated after it was determined that the pistachio product received was manufactured by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. Tillamook Country Smoker has informed FDA of its actions and is fully cooperating with the Agency.

Media with questions about the recall should contact company Co-Owner Dick Crossley at (800) 325-2220, Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM (PDT). Retail Stores and Distribution Centers should contact Stephanie Johnstone at (800) 325-2220 (ext. 118), Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM (PDT). Consumers with questions about the recall should contact Shamra Pippenger, Food Safety Manager at (800) 325-2220, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 1:30 PM (PDT). Consumers who have purchased Tillamook Country Smoker Pistachios are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund.

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