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Townsend Farms, Inc. Recalls Frozen Organic Antioxidant Blend Potentially Contaminated with Hepatitis A

(JUNEAU, AK) – Townsend Farms, Inc. has issued a recall for certain lots of its frozen Organic Antioxidant Blend because it may be contaminated with Hepatitis A virus, based on an ongoing illness investigation conducted by the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Hepatitis A is a liver disease that can be spread through food that results from exposure to the Hepatitis A virus. It can range from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious illness lasting several months. Illness generally occurs within 15 to 50 days of exposure and includes fatigue, abdominal pain, jaundice, abnormal liver tests, dark urine and pale stool. Hepatitis A vaccination can prevent illness if given within two weeks of exposure to a contaminated food. In rare cases, particularly in consumers who have a pre-existing severe illness or are immune-compromised, Hepatitis A infection can progress to liver failure.

The recalled product can be identified by the following "BEST BY" codes that are located on the back of the package:

Product	Weight	UPC Code	Best By Codes
Townsend Farms Organic Antioxidant Blend	3 lb. bag	UPC 0 78414 404448	T012415 - T053115 (followed by a letter)

Alaska DEC has confirmed distribution of these products in Alaska through Costco stores. According to information from Costco, they have removed affected product from their freezers and are in the process of informing consumers who purchased affected product. However, consumers should check their freezers for affected product. Consumers with the product should not consume the product. The product should be disposed of immediately but consumers may wish to keep proof of product purchase for future reference.

To date, there are 49 cases of Hepatitis A associated with the recalled products. No illnesses have been reported in Alaska.

Persons who may have consumed affected product within the last two weeks (and are not immunized against Hepatitis A) should consult with their health care provider to determine if a vaccination is appropriate, and consumers who consumed this product within the past two months and who are experiencing abdominal pain, nausea, yellow skin, fatigue, or other concerning symptoms, should contact their health care provider immediately and mention this product.

For questions or more information, contact a Townsend Farms Customer Service Representative by phone at 800-875-5291 or by e-mail at townsendfarms5148@stericycle.com. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. PDT.

For more information on this recall, visit: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm355166.htm?source=govdelivery>.

For more information on recalls affecting Alaskans, visit DEC's website: <http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/recallsalerts.html>.

For more illness investigation information in Alaska, visit the Section of Epidemiology's website: <http://www.epi.alaska.gov>.



MGM 2745 Quality Ink™ System with 100% Recycled Ink and Soy-based Inks

Color calibration chart with color bars (Yellow, Cyan, Magenta, Black, etc.) and registration marks.

ITEM# 50592

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UPC CODE: always trace at 100% color

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5.125" 5.125" 7.25" 5.125"



Townsend Farms, a six-generation family-owned operation, is located in Oregon's beautiful Columbia Gorge. The fertile, sandy loam soil and temperate Oregon climate yields an abundant harvest of luscious berries - Black Raspberries, Raspberries, Strawberries, Boysenberries, Marion berries Blueberries.

Here we manage our fields to grow plump, tasty berries; then pick and freeze them at the peak of flavor, then we package and truck our berries to your favorite store so you can enjoy fresh-tasting berries any time. We also work with berry farmers around the world that have the same values as we do about food safety, to source and pack exceptional berries for your table.

Berries are our business. Enjoy!

100% Guaranteed
If you are not completely satisfied with your berries please contact us at:
www.townsendfarms.com
or 1.503.666.1700

Storage: Keep frozen until ready to use. If only part of contents is used, reseal package and promptly return to freezer.

Do not refreeze after contents have been thawed.

To thaw: Keep reclosable end up when at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes, or thaw in microwave on defrost setting (50% power) for 1 minute. For best flavor and texture, serve berries while still slightly frozen.



USDA ORGANIC

Organic Antioxidant Blend

DARK TART CHERRIES, POMEGRANATE ARILS, STRAWBERRIES, RED RASPBERRIES, BLUEBERRIES

Townsend Farms
Field to Farm to Family, Since 1906

Individually Quick Frozen

KEEP FROZEN **FRAGILE / FROZEN ONLY**

Net Wt. 48oz (3 lbs) 1.36kg

Organic Antioxidant Blend smoothie recipe

With only a few ingredients, this nutritious Organic Antioxidant Blend smoothie is fast and easy to make. It just takes 5 minutes to create a deliciously blended smoothie that is bursting with natural berry flavor and goodness. Whip one up for a quick breakfast, or serve as a refreshing complement to any meal.

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Ingredients: 2 cups frozen Townsend Farms Organic Antioxidant Blend, 1 banana, 8 oz. container mixed berry yogurt, 1 cup milk, 2 Tbs. sugar, ice cubes.

Preparation: Combine ingredients in a blender; fill to the top with ice cubes. Blend until smooth.

Serves 4

Ingredients: Organic Dark Tart Cherries, Organic Blueberries, Organic Pomegranate Arils, Organic Red Raspberries and Organic Strawberries. May contain other.

Nutrition Facts
Serving Size 1 cup (100g)
Amount Per Serving
Calories 110 Calories from Fat 15
Total Fat 3g 6%
Saturated Fat 0g 0%
Trans Fat 0g 0%
Cholesterol 0mg 0%
Sodium 0mg 0%
Total Carbohydrate 15g 6%
Dietary Fiber 0g 0%
Sugars 10g

Distributed By: Townsend Farms, Inc. Fairview, Oregon 97024
Certified Organic by Oregon Tilth

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MGM 2014 Quality 100 Award Winner

White	Pro Yellow	Pro Magenta	Pro Cyan	Pro Black	Pro Grey	PMS 877	Line Black	Rich Inkjet	Gold Inkjet	White Ink
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