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Justin's Issues Recall for Peanut Butter Products Due to Possible Health Risk

(JUNEAU, AK) – Justin's has issued a voluntary recall for certain lots of its Classic Peanut Butter in 16 ounce jars and Honey Peanut Butter in 1.15 and .5 ounce single-serve squeeze packs. The products may contain *Salmonella*-tainted nut butter manufactured by Sunland, Inc.

Salmonella is an organism that 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 beginning 12-72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts 4-7 days. 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. People exhibiting any of these symptoms should contact their healthcare provider.

The recalled product listed below can be identified by the UPC code and best-by dates found on each product. Best-by dates may be located to the left of the UPC code on the jars, and on the back top seal of the squeeze packs.

UPC	Product Description	Package Size	Best By Dates
855188003004	Classic Peanut Butter Jars	16oz	08-07-13
855188003042	Honey Peanut Butter Squeeze Packs	1.15oz	07-24-13, 07-25-13
894455000391	Honey Peanut Butter .5oz Squeeze Pack	.5oz	07-14-13, 08-10-13, 08-13-13, 08-14-13, 08-15-13

No Justin's almond butter, hazelnut butter, peanut butter cups or candy bars are involved in this recall; these products were manufactured using nuts not sourced from Sunland, Inc.

Alaska DEC has confirmed these products were distributed to Alaska and were available for purchase over the internet from July 14, 2012 to Sept. 26, 2012.

To date, there have been no reported illnesses in Alaska from consuming Justin's brand products. However, there have been 29 reported cases of *Salmonella Bredeney* illnesses in 18 states that have been associated with the recalled products manufactured by Sunland Inc.

Consumers who have purchased these products are advised to destroy the product or return them to the place of purchase. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 303-449-9559 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST Monday through Friday, or at comments@justinsnutbutter.com.

For additional information, visit www.justinsnutbutter.com.

More information on this recall can be found at:
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm321511.htm?source=govdelivery>

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



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