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EHS Circular Letter 2012-58-2

To: Local Directors of Health
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From: Tracey Weeks, MS, RS
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Date: September 25, 2012

Subject: Expanded Recall of Products Associated with *Salmonella* Bredeney Outbreak

On September 24, 2012, the Food Protection Program (FPP) provided information regarding a multi-state outbreak of *Salmonella* Bredeney infections that is being investigated by CDC, FDA, and state and local health departments. The multi-state outbreak appears to be linked to Trader Joe's Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter.

Later that day Sunland Inc., which makes Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter, volunteered to recall almond butter and peanut butter products that were manufactured on the same product line as the recalled product. The product has 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.

On September 25, 2012, Sunland Inc expanded the recall to include its Cashew Butter, Tahini and Roasted Blanched Peanut Products. These products also have Best-If-Used-By Dates between May 1, 2013 and September 24, 2013. See attached.

The FDA reports that the Trader Joe's Valencia Creamy Salted Peanut Butter is sold at Trader Joe's grocery stores nationwide and on the internet. Sunland Inc. almond butter and peanut butter products are distributed nationally via supermarket chains. At this time, specific distribution information is not available. This notice is being provided should you receive calls from consumers or food establishments. The outbreak is ongoing and any new information will be provided as it becomes available.

Consumers who think they may be ill from consuming the recalled products should be advised to contact their physician. Local health departments receiving such calls, should fill out the Alert form, note consumption of the recalled product on the form, and forward it to the FPP as soon as possible.

LHDs receiving reports from consumers who believe they were made ill from eating the recalled products should contact the FPP to determine if the product should be tested at the DPH laboratory.

The Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection is the lead agency for food recalls and can be contacted at 860-713-6160.

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UPDATED

Sunland, Inc. Announces an Expansion of its Voluntarily Limited Recall of Almond Butter and Peanut Butter To Add Cashew Butter, Tahini and Roasted Blanched Peanut Products Due to Possible Health Risk

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UPDATED For Immediate Release-Portales, NM (September 24, 2012) – Sunland, Inc. today announced a voluntary recall of its Almond Butter and Peanut Butter, which it has now expanded to include its Cashew Butter, Tahini and Roasted Blanched Peanut Products. This recall is limited to products manufactured between May 1, 2012 and September 24, 2012. 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. 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 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 18 states, including Washington, California, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Virginia, Connecticut, New Jersey and Maryland, according to a report issued on September 22, 2012 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"There is nothing more important to us than the health and safety of our customers, particularly the many families who enjoy our peanut butter everyday. While FDA, CDC, and State Health Agencies investigate to confirm the cause of illnesses reported, as a precautionary step, we have decided to voluntarily recall our Almond Peanut and Cashew Butters, Tahini and Roasted Blanched Peanut products manufactured between May 1, 2012 and September 24, 2012. If you purchased these products, do not eat them. Please return the product to your supermarket for a full refund or dispose of it."

Statement of Jimmie Shearer, President and CEO of Sunland, Inc.

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 and were available for purchase on the internet.

The specifics of the affected products are as follows: The UPC is located on the side of the jar's label below the bar code.

UPC	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

UPC	Type of product	Jar Size
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
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

UPC	Type of product	Jar Size
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 and 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

Updated to include the following products:

UPC	Type of product	Jar Size
8523902336	Archer Farms Almond, Peanut & Cashew Butter	16 oz
8523920335	Archer Farms Creamy Cashew Butter	16 oz
051379022525	fresh & easy Creamy Cashew Butter	16 oz
003248	Fresh & Easy Creamy Peanut Butter Cups	72/2 oz
051379041625	fresh & easy goodness valencia Creamy Peanut Butter	12/8 1.1 oz cups in a carton
8099473873	Harry & David Crunchy Almond and Peanut Butter	12 oz
8099473871	Harry & David Creamy Banana Peanut Spread	12 oz
8099473872	Harry & David Creamy Raspberry Peanut Spread	12 oz
4792100444	Serious Food Silly Prices Tahini	12 oz
047730	Sunland Creamy Peanut Butter	30 lbs
41330	Sunland Organic Valencia Roasted and Blanched Peanuts	30 lbs
4868763325	Sunland Roasted and Blanched Runner Peanuts	30 lbs
4868763326	Sunland Roasted and Blanched Bar Ready Runner Peanuts	30 lbs
4868771725	Sunland Sesame Tahini	40 lbs
41323	Sunland Valencia Roasted Blanched Salted	30 lbs
4868757906	Sunland Natural Mixed Nut Butter, Crunchy Almonds and Peanuts	16 oz
4868760906	Sunland Natural Peanut Butter, Creamy Banana Spread	16 oz

UPC	Type of product	Jar Size
4868773906	Sunland Natural Peanut Butter, Creamy Chocolate Spread	16 oz
4868761906	Sunland Natural Peanut Butter, Creamy Raspberry Spread	16 oz
4868771906	Sunland Natural Tahini, Creamy Roasted Sesame	16 oz
4868732810	Sunland Organic Valencia Peanut Butter, Creamy	12 oz
4868731810	Sunland Organic Valencia Peanut Butter, Crunchy	12 oz
4868755810	Sunland Organic Valencia Peanut Butter, Creamy Cherry Vanilla	12 oz
4868754810	Sunland Organic Valencia Peanut Butter, Creamy Dark Chocolate	12 oz
4868747810	Sunland Organic Valencia Peanut Butter, Crunchy Chipotle Chile	12 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, Peanut Butter, Cashew Butter, Tahini and Roasted Blanched peanut products with the above UPC and Best-If-Used-By-Dates are urged to discard the product immediately. 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 should contact Ms. Katalin Coburn, Vice President for Media Relations, Sunland, Inc., at 805-796-3368.