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# Recall on Fewer Than 225 Ava's Brand Organic Cashews Roasted & Salted 8 oz. Tubs in NJ, NY, PA and CT

## For Immediate Release

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### Consumers

☎ 413-732-4193, press 0

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Hampton Farms is voluntarily recalling Ava's brand Organic Cashews Roasted & Salted 8 oz. tubs distributed in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. We have been notified by our cashew supplier that the cashews used have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. No confirmed illnesses have been reported to public health authorities to date. Routine sampling of a different item from another company revealed positive *Listeria monocytogenes* results, and a subsequent investigation in their manufacturing environment revealed a contaminated piece of equipment that was also used to produce the ingredient we received. Although test results of our cashews were negative for *Listeria*, we are recalling this item out of an abundance of caution.

All affected distributors and retail stores have been notified and the affected products are being removed from store shelves. Fewer than 225 units of this product were offered for retail sale.

*Listeria monocytogenes* is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

This announcement applies only to the Ava's brand Organic Cashews Roasted & Salted product listed below and does not include any other items or the same item outside of this lot code:

Ava's Brand 8 oz. Organic Roasted Salted Cashews  
UPC 8-10111-01035-1  
Best By 4/28/18, Lot 11817-L2

No other Ava's branded products or any other products produced by Hampton Farms are included within this recall.

Consumers should not consume these products. Affected product may be returned to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Hampton Farms at 413-732-4193, press 0.

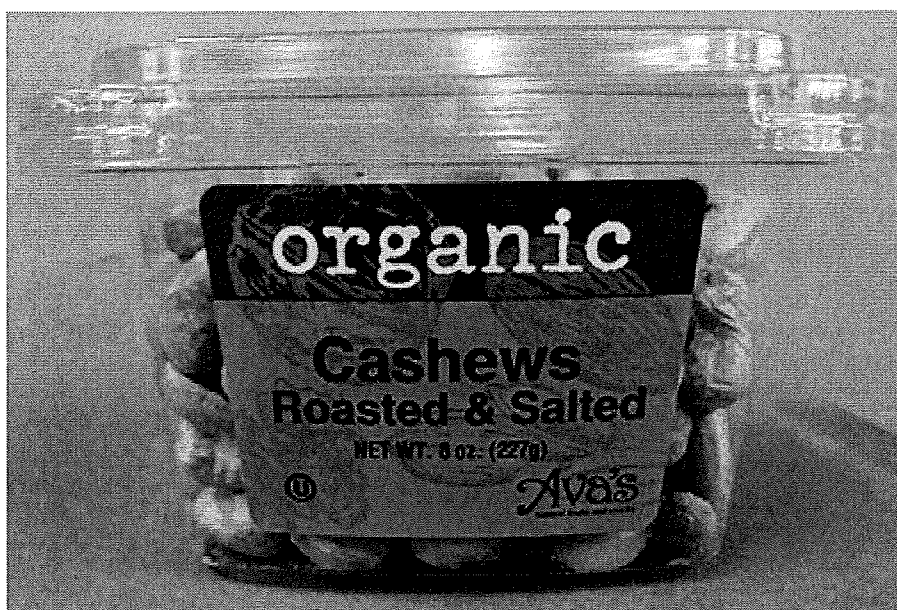
This recall is being undertaken with the knowledge of the Food and Drug Administration. "We deeply regret this situation and have employed our established recall plan to immediately remove the product from distribution. Nothing is more important than providing safe and wholesome, quality products," said Dallas Barnes, President of Hampton Farms.

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