

## Company Announcement

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# Kroger Expands Recall of 12 oz. packages of Simple Truth Dry Roasted Macadamia Nuts because of Possible Health Risk

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The Kroger Co. (NYSE: KR) today announced it has expanded the recall of its 12 oz. packages of Simple Truth Dry Roasted Macadamia Nuts due to potential *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination. *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. No customer illnesses have been reported to date.

In May, we were informed by the supplier that the macadamia nuts used in this product may have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Routine sampling of a different item produced by the supplier for another company revealed positive *Listeria monocytogenes* results, and a subsequent investigation of the manufacturing environment discovered a contaminated piece of equipment.

The product comes in a 12 oz., clear plastic package marked with expiration dates of: Dec. 09, 2017, Mar. 02, 2018, Mar. 03, 2018, or Apr. 07, 2018 stamped on the side. **Product was distributed between 12/9/2016 to 6/13/2017.** Kroger has removed the following item from store shelves and initiated its customer recall

notification system that alerts customers who may have purchased recalled products through register receipt tape messages and phone calls.

Product	UPC	Code	Size
Simple Truth Dry Roasted Macadamia Nuts	11110-02478	Sell By: Dec. 09 2017 Mar. 02 2018 Mar. 03 2018 Apr. 07 2018	12 oz.

**Kroger has expanded this recall to include all stores nationwide under the following names: Kroger, Ralphs, Food 4 Less, Foods Co., Fred Meyer, Fry's, King Soopers, City Market, Smith's, Dillons, Baker's, Gerbes, Jay C, Ruler Foods, Pay Less, Pick 'N Save, Copps, Metro Market, Owen's and QFC.**

Customers who have purchased any of the products described above should not consume them and should return them to a store for a full refund or replacement.

Customers who have questions may contact Kroger at 1-800-KROGERS, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. ET to 12:00 a.m. ET, and Saturday through Sunday 8:00 a.m. ET to 9:00 p.m. ET.

Every day, the Kroger Family of Companies makes a difference in the lives of eight and a half million customers and 443,000 associates who shop or serve in 2,796 retail food stores under a variety of local banner names in 35 states and the District of Columbia. Kroger and its subsidiaries operate an expanding ClickList offering – a personalized, order online, pick up at the store service – in addition to our 2,255 pharmacies, 784 convenience stores, 319 fine jewelry stores, 220 retail health clinics, 1,445 supermarket fuel centers and 38 food production plants in the United States. Kroger is recognized as one of America's most generous companies for its support of more than 100 Feeding America food bank partners, breast cancer research and awareness, the military and their families, and more than 145,000 community organizations including schools. A leader in supplier diversity, Kroger is a proud member of the *Billion Dollar Roundtable*.

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