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Bhu Foods Voluntarily Recalls Protein Bars for Possible Health Risk

For Immediate Release

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Contact

Consumers

Bhu Foods **6**19-855-3992

Announcement

<u>Hudson Valley Foods,</u> Inc. of Highland, NY has advised Bhu Foods of San Diego, CA that organic sunflower seeds sold to the company have been recalled.

As a result of a recall of sunflower seeds from Hudson Valley Foods, Inc., Bhu Foods' supplier of organic sunflower seeds, advised Bhu Foods that ingredients sold to the company have the **potential** to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Bhu Foods is recalling the following flavors of Protein bars produced from May 9, 2017 – June 9, 2017: Organic Vegan Protein – Chocolate + Tart Cherry + Pistachio, Organic Vegan Protein – Apple Chunk + Cinnamon + Nutmeg, Organic Vegan Protein – Peanut Butter + Chocolate Chip, Organic Vegan Protein – Superfood Chocolate Chip + Fudge Brownie Batter, Organic Vegan Protein – Peanut Butter + White Chocolate, Grass Fed Whey Protein – Dark Chocolate + Coconut + Almond (Made with Organic Ingredients, Grass Fed Whey Protein – Salted Caramel + Pecan (Made with Organic Ingredients), Grass Fed Whey Protein – Vanilla + Almond + Cashew (Made with Organic Ingredients), Paleo Protein – Double Dark Chocolate Chip (Made with Organic Ingredients).

The organic sunflower seeds from Hudson Valley Foods, Inc have the **potential** to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. No confirmed illnesses have been reported to public health authorities to date.

Even though there was only a **possibility** of contamination from the organic sunflower seeds for *Listeria*, Bhu Foods is recalling these item out of an abundance of caution

All anected distributors and retail website customers have been notined and the affected products have been removed from store shelves and inventories. The product was available nationwide in retail stores as well as by mail order/direct delivery.

This announcement applies only to the following list of **Bhu Foods Protein bars** outlined below and does not include any other items or the same item outside of the following lot codes (The lot code is printed on each individual bar wrapper next to the expiration date):

Organic Vegan Protein - Chocolate + Tart Cherry + Pistachio

Lot Code: 13717

Organic Vegan Protein - Apple Chunk + Cinnamon + Nutmeg

Lot Code: 13717

Organic Vegan Protein – Peanut Butter + Chocolate Chip

Lot Code: 13917

Organic Vegan Protein - Superfood Chocolate Chip + Fudge Brownie Batter Lot

Code: 13817 and 15417

Organic Vegan Protein – Peanut Butter + White Chocolate

Lot Code: 15317 and 15417

Grass Fed Whey Protein - Dark Chocolate + Coconut + Almond (Made with Organic

Ingredients)

Lot Code: 13917

Grass Fed Whey Protein - Salted Caramel + Pecan (Made with Organic Ingredients)

Lot Code: 13017 and 13817

Grass Fed Whey Protein - Vanilla + Almond + Cashew (Made with Organic

Ingredients)

Lot Code: 13017 and 13817

Paleo Protein – Double Dark Chocolate Chip (Made with Organic Ingredients)

Lot Code: 13117, 14017, and 14317

No other Bhu Food's branded products or any other products produced by Bhu Foods are included within this recall. This recall is being undertaken with the knowledge of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). There has been no reported illness to date from this recall.

The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing by Hudson Valley Farms. Bhu Foods was notified directly by Hudson Valley Farms and the FDA of the potential contamination and risk for illness from this product. Bhu Foods immediately ceased production and distribution upon receiving this news for the consideration of our consumers.

"We sincerely apologize for this situation that occurred with one of our ingredient suppliers. As soon as our team was notified, we immediately set our recall plan into action to ensure the safety and health of our customers. Bhu Foods will continue to operate with the highest standard of excellence providing customers with exemplary, wholesome organic products." said Laura Katleman, President of Bhu Foods.

Consumers should not consume these products. Affected product may be returned to the place of purchase for an exchange. Consumers with questions may contact Bhu Foods Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm (PST) at 619-855-3992.

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