

Hines Nut Company, Dallas, TX Announces Voluntary Recall of SALTED JUMBO VIRGINIA IN-SHELL PEANUTS Due to Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – October 15, 2012 –Hines Nut Company Inc. today announced a voluntary recall of its SALTED JUMBO VIRGINIA IN-SHELL PEANUTS. These peanuts were processed in the Sunland, Inc. Peanut Processing Plant and may be contaminated with Salmonella. Salmonella is 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.

Specifically, the recall includes SALTED JUMBO VIRGINIA IN-SHELL PEANUTS which were processed in its Peanut Processing Plant located in Portales, New Mexico, and which are within their current shelf life or have no stated expiration date because they have the possibility of containing Salmonella.

The SALTED JUMBO VIRGINIA IN-SHELL PEANUTS available to retail customers were distributed under the HINES or Dollar General Clover Valley label. These were distributed nationally to numerous large supermarket, grocery and retail chains. The SALTED JUMBO VIRGINIA IN-SHELL PEANUTS being recalled were distributed during the six month period prior to the recall date (April 12, 2012 – October 12, 2012), and will have best by/expiration dates on the packaging from October 12, 2012 through August 27, 2013.

The lot number information can be located on the fourth line of the "Packing Information" printed in black on the package.

The HINES package is a cello/poly laminated bag, predominately blue, with a yellow label stating 'SALTED JUMBO VIRGINIA PEANUTS' packed as 8oz, 10oz, 12oz, 16oz and 24oz; Hines also packages three 'theme' cello/poly laminated bags that are 5.5oz each. The themes for these bags are: 1) Independence Day – red, white and blue in color with a stylized flag on the front; 2) Football Season – with a football on the front; and Hunting Season – with a camouflage motif on the front of the bag.

The Dollar General Clover Valley package is a cello/poly laminated bag, predominately white with red trim and red lettering. These bags are packaged as 8oz bags.

The packing information begins with the words 'BEST BUY'. The recall lot numbers are as follows, located on the fourth line of the 'BEST BUY' statement: S03718, S03699, S03724, S03753, S03765, S03784, S03798, S03806, S03810, S03824, S03826, S03840, S03863, S03886, S03907, S03928, S03933, S03938, S03950, S03958, S03967, S03972, S03978, S03989, S03991, S04012, S04025, S04042, S04054, S04066, S04097, S04109, S04123, S04134, S04141, S04141, S04165, S04200, S04201, S04211, S04229, S04236, and S04247.

To date, Hines Nut Company, Inc. has not received any complaints concerning illness on any of

these lot numbers. Consumers who have purchased any of the recalled products are urged not to eat them and to return products to the place of purchase for a full refund or dispose of them immediately. The “Best-If-Used-By” date or product expiration date is printed on the packaging.

Consumers can contact the Company at 1 800-561-6374 for information regarding this recall. This toll-free number is operational 24 hours a day.

This recall is being conducted in cooperation with the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The most current information available from the FDA is posted at the following website: <http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety>