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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2019-208

Emesa Foods Recalls Premium Sesame Tahini Because of Possible Health Risk

Emesa Foods, Taylor, MI is voluntarily recalling 23 cases and each case 6 containers of 800 gram of "Premium Sesame Tahini" because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea, 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 product was distributed in states of Michigan and Texas and is sold in 800 grams (28.2 Oz). **Expiration dates (2/25/2021) are printed on the side of the container.**

Product code, product description, UPC and expiration dates information:

Product Code	Product Description	UPC	Expiration Dates
29826	Premium Sesame Tahini	850005298267	02/25/2021

No illnesses have been reported to-date in connection with the Emesa Foods Tahini.

This potential problem was revealed as a result of a random sampling by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Although we have not received the final laboratory reports, Emesa Foods is taking the precaution of recalling product with the product code listed above.

Consumers who have purchased Emesa Foods Tahini with these codes should discontinue use and return it to the store of purchase for a full refund. Retailers that may have further distributed the recalled codes should share this notice with their customers. Retailers or consumers with questions may contact Recall Coordinator Mr. Filio at 248-660-0406  Monday to Friday from 8AM – 5PM.