

J.M. Smucker Recalls 'Natural Peanut Butter Chunky' Due To Salmonella



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(RTTNews) - J.M. Smucker Co. (SJM: [News](#)) Thursday announced a **limited voluntary** recall of 16 oz. Smucker's Natural Peanut Butter Chunky on fears of Salmonella bacteria contamination.

Ohio-based Smucker said the **products meant for recall were distributed in** Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, **Texas**, Virginia, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia.

The affected product, which is packaged in 16 oz. jars, have a UPC code 5150001701 and Production Codes 1307004 and 1308004. The product is tagged with Best-If-Used-By dates August 3, 2012 and August 4, 2012, and applies to Chunky product only, Smucker said. It also noted that the product would have been purchased between November 8 and 17, 2011.

The recall was initiated as the result of a routine sampling program by the company, which revealed that these finished products may contain the bacteria. No other products of J.M. Smucker Company are affected by this recall.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Eating food contaminated with Salmonella leads to salmonellosis, a type of food poisoning.

The symptoms of salmonellosis develop 12 to 72 hours after infection, and they include diarrhea, fever or abdominal cramps. The illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days. In rare cases, infection with Salmonella can produce more severe illnesses such as arterial infections, endocarditis and arthritis. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year 1 million people fall sick from eating food contaminated with Salmonella, resulting in \$365 million in direct medical costs.

Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.