

Sunshine Mills, Inc. Issues Voluntary Recall of Certain Dog Food Products Due to Potentially Elevated Levels of Aflatoxin

Summary

Company Announcement Date:

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Product Type:

Animal & Veterinary

Food & Beverages

Pet Food

Ingredients

Reason for Announcement:

Elevated levels of aflatoxin

Company Name:

Sunshine Mills, Inc.

Brand Name:

Family Pet, Heartland Farms, Paws Happy Life

Product Description:

Dog Food

Company Announcement

Sunshine Mills, Inc. is issuing a voluntary recall of certain dog food products due to levels of Aflatoxin that are potentially above the acceptable limit. Aflatoxin is a naturally occurring mold by-product from the growth of *Aspergillus flavus* and can be harmful to pets if consumed in significant quantities.

The potential for aflatoxin levels above the acceptable limit in these products was discovered by routine sampling performed by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry showing that a sample of a single 4-pound bag of one lot of the product contained elevated levels of aflatoxin. No illnesses have been reported in association with these products to date, and no other Sunshine Mills, Inc. pet food products are affected by this announcement.

While no adverse health effects related to these products have been reported, Sunshine Mills, Inc. has chosen to issue a voluntary recall of these products as a precautionary measure in furtherance of its commitment to the safety and quality of its products. Pets that have consumed any of the recalled products and exhibit symptoms of illness including sluggishness or lethargy combined with a reluctance to eat, vomiting, yellowish tint to the eyes or gums, or diarrhea should be seen by a veterinarian.

The affected products were distributed in retail stores nationally. Retailers who received the recalled lots have been contacted and asked to pull these lots from their inventory and shelves. There are no other Family Pet®, Heartland Farms®, or Paws Happy Life® products or other lot codes of these products affected by this precautionary recall.

Consumers who have purchased the recalled products should discontinue use of the product and may return the unused portion to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers may contact Sunshine Mills, Inc. Customer Service at (800) 705-2111 from 7AM to 4PM Central Time, Monday through Friday, or by email at customer.service@sunshinemills.com (<mailto:customer.service@sunshinemills.com>) for additional information.

This is a voluntary recall being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Products affected by this announcement:

Product Name	Size	Lot Codes	UPC Code
FAMILY PET® MEATY CUTS BEEF CHICKEN & CHEESE FLAVORS PREMIUM DOG FOOD	4 lb.	TD3 4/APRIL/2020 TD1 5/APRIL/2020	3225120694
	14 lb.	TB1 4/APRIL/2020 TB2 4/APRIL/2020 TB3 3/APRIL/2020	3225118078
	28 lb.	TB3 3/APRIL/2020	3225120694
HEARTLAND FARMS® GRILLED FAVORITES BEEF CHICKEN & CHEESE FLAVOR	14 lb.	TB1 4/APRIL/2020 TB2 4/APRIL/2020	7015514299
	31 lb.	TA2 4/APRIL/2020 TA3 4/APRIL/2020	7015514301
PAWS HAPPY LIFE® BUTCHER'S CHOICE DOG FOOD	16 lb.	TA1 4/APRIL/2020 TA2 4/APRIL/2020	3680035763

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