

## **Trader Joe's Voluntarily Recalls Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter Because of Possible Health Risk**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - September 24, 2012 - Out of the utmost caution and care for our customers, Trader Joe's is voluntarily recalling its Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter (sku 97111) because of potential contamination with *Salmonella*. Customers who have purchased this item are urged to not eat the product, and to dispose of it or return it to any Trader Joe's for a full refund. *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. 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.

At this time the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and state health agencies are investigating whether there are direct links between this product and reported illnesses. Trader Joe's is fully cooperating with these authorities because there is nothing more important to us than the health and safety of our customers and crew, and the quality of our products.

In advance of this recall, Trader Joe's removed the product from all store shelves.

The recalled Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter was distributed to Trader Joe's stores nationwide. The product comes in a 16 ounce, plastic jar with an expiration date of stamped below the lid.

All code dates are included in this recall—up to and including 26JUL13 (July 26, 2013).

Production and distribution of the item has been suspended while the FDA and the Valencia Peanut Butter supplier continue their investigations.

Customers with questions may contact Trader Joe's Customer Relations at (626) 599-3817 [Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Pacific Time].

