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**DATE:** March 6, 2013  
**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer  
**FROM:** A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Director, Food Protection Program  
**SUBJECT:** Bumble Bee Foods, LLC Recall

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; Specific codes of 5-ounce Chunk White Albacore and Chunk Light Tuna products because the products do not meet the company's standards for seal tightness; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. These products were distributed for retail sale nationwide between January 17, 2013 and February 28, 2013. Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-351-7190.

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### Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

### Bumble Bee Foods Issues Voluntary Recall On Specific Codes Of 5-Ounce Chunk White Albacore And Chunk Light Tuna Products Due To Loose Seals

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - March 6, 2013 - Bumble Bee Foods, LLC, has issued a voluntary recall on specific codes of 5-ounce Chunk White Albacore and Chunk Light Tuna products. The recall has been issued because the products do not meet the company's standards for seal tightness.

Loose seals or seams could result in product contamination by spoilage organisms or pathogens and lead to illness if consumed. There have been no reports to date of any illness associated with these products.

Products subject to recall follow:

**Brunswick Brand 5oz Chunk Light Tuna in Water – 48 Count Case (Case UPC 6661332803)**

Can Label UPC	Can Lot Code	Can Best Buy Code
6661332803	3018SB1CLP	Best By Jan 18 2016
6661332803	3018SB2CLP	Best By Jan 18 2016

**Bumble Bee Brand 5oz Chunk Light Tuna in Water – 48 Count Case (Case UPC 8660000020)**

Can Label UPC	Can Lot Code	Can Best Buy Code
866203	3016SBCCLP	Best By Jan 16 2016
866203	3016SBDCLP	Best By Jan 16 2016
866203	3016SBECLP	Best By Jan 16 2016
866203	3017SB1CLP	Best By Jan 17 2016
866203	3017SB3CLP	Best By Jan 17 2016
866203	3017SB4CLP	Best By Jan 17 2016
866203	3017SB5CLP	Best By Jan 17 2016
866203	3017SB6CLP	Best By Jan 17 2016
866203	3018SB2CLP	Best By Jan 18 2016
866203	3018SB4CLP	Best By Jan 18 2016
866203	3018SB5CLP	Best By Jan 18 2016
866203	3018SBACL	Best By Jan 18 2016
866203	3018SBBCLP	Best By Jan 18 2016
866203	3018SBCCLP	Best By Jan 18 2016
866203	3018SBDCLP	Best By Jan 18 2016
866203	3018SBECLP	Best By Jan 18 2016

**Bumble Bee Brand 5oz Chunk Light Tuna in Vegetable Oil – 48 Count Case (Case UPC 8660000021)**

Can Label UPC	Can Lot Code	Can Best Buy Code
866213	3016SACCLH	Best By Jan 16 2016
866213	3016SADCLH	Best By Jan 16 2016
866213	3016SAECLH	Best By Jan 16 2016
866213	3016SAFCLH	Best By Jan 16 2016
866213	3018SAFCLH	Best By Jan 18 2016

**Bumble Bee Brand 5oz Chunk White Albacore in Water – 24 Count Case (Case UPC 8660000025)**

Can Label UPC	Can Lot Code	Can Best Buy Code
866253	3017SA1CKP	Best By Jan 17 2016
866253	3017SA2CKP	Best By Jan 17 2016
866253	3017SA3CKP	Best By Jan 17 2016
866253	3017SADCKP	Best By Jan 17 2016
866253	3017SAECKP	Best By Jan 17 2016
866253	3017SAFCKP	Best By Jan 17 2016

**Bumble Bee Brand 5oz Chunk Light Tuna in Water – 6 Count Case of 4-Pack Cluster (Case UPC 8660000736)**

Cluster Pack UPC	Can Label UPC	Can Lot Code	Can Best Buy Code
8660000736	866203	3017SBACLP	Best By Jan 17 2016
8660000736	866203	3017SBBCLP	Best By Jan 17 2016
8660000736	866203	3017SBCCLP	Best By Jan 17 2016
8660000736	866203	3017SBDCLP	Best By Jan 17 2016
8660000736	866203	3017SBECLP	Best By Jan 17 2016

**Bumble Bee Brand 5oz Chunk White Albacore in Water – 6 Count Case of 8-Pack Cluster (Case UPC 8660000775)**

Cluster Pack UPC	Can Label UPC	Can Lot Code	Can Best Buy Code
8660000776	866253	3017SABCKP	Best By Jan 17 2016
8660000776	866253	3017SADCKP	Best By Jan 17 2016

**Bumble Bee Brand 5oz Chunk White Albacore in Water – 6 Count Case of 8-Pack Cluster (Case UPCS 8660000776)**

Cluster Pack UPC	Can Label UPC	Can Lot Code	Can Best Buy Code
8660000776	866253	3017SA3CKP	Best By Jan 17 2016
8660000776	866253	3017SA4CKP	Best By Jan 17 2016
8660000776	866253	3017SA5CKP	Best By Jan 17 2016
8660000776	866253	3017SAACKP	Best By Jan 17 2016
8660000776	866253	3017SACCKP	Best By Jan 17 2016
8660000776	866253	3017SB2CKP	Best By Jan 17 2016

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Bumble Bee Foods SVP of Technical Services and Corporate Quality Assurance Steve Mavity said: “Due to can integrity concerns, our top priority at this time is to remove these recalled products from distribution as soon as possible. We are working closely with our sales team and with retailers to help expedite the recall. We must assure our consumers and retailers of a safe and quality product so we very much appreciate everyone’s part in disposing of the products with the specific codes indicated.”

Mavity added, “There have been no consumer reports of illnesses attributed to these products, but because we’ve identified an issue with seal tightness, we’re voluntarily recalling products to ensure the highest margin of safety and quality.”

Consumers who have purchased the recalled products should discard the product by disposing in the garbage.

For any questions concerning this voluntary recall or reimbursement, consumers can contact Bumble Bee Consumer Affairs 24 hours a day at (800) 800-8572.

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