



**DATE:** July 17, 2013  
**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer  
**FROM:**   
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Director, Food Protection Program  
**SUBJECT:** Western Mixers Produce & Nut Company Expanded Recall [Food]

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; ARO and/or Treasured Harvest Pistachios, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*; Information is provided in case of consumer inquiry.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the neighboring State of Ohio. Pistachios were distributed in: California, Nevada, Ohio and Utah; through Retail Stores, Mail Order and various Distributors during the dates of: October 17, 2012 – May 28, 2013. 5 lb packages are now also included in this recall.

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**Recall -- Firm Press Release**

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**REVISED - Western Mixers Produce & Nuts, Inc. Recalls Pistachios Because of Possible Health Risk**

**Contact:**  
Consumer:  
(877) 230-8449

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - July 15, 2013 - Western Mixers Produce & Nut Company of Los Angeles, California is recalling ARO and/or Treasured Harvest Pistachios, 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 (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.

Pistachios were distributed in: California, Nevada, Ohio and Utah; through Retail Stores, Mail Order and various Distributors during the dates of: October 17, 2012 – May 28, 2013.

The Pistachios can be identified as follows:

<b>Package Size</b>	<b>Package Label</b>	<b>Product Detail</b>	<b>Lot # On Pkg.</b>
6 oz. Clear Plastic Cup	Treasured Harvest	Roasted & Salted Pistachios	123050, 123140, 123320, 123450, 123360, 130150, 130240, 130350
12 oz. Clear Bag	Treasured Harvest	Roasted & Salted Pistachios	#130290
28 oz. Clear Plastic Tray	Treasured Harvest	Roasted & Salted Pistachios	123100, 122960, 123040
5 lb. Green Bag	Treasured Harvest	Roasted & Salted Pistachios	123550, 130020, 122920, 123380, 130070
5 lb. Box	Treasured Harvest	Raw, Shelled Pistachios	131160, 131200, 131230, 131300, 131400, 131500

The recall is a voluntary recall of the Pistachio products processed by ARO Pistachio during the 2012 harvest year. The recall was initiated because the Recalled Product has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. Western Mixers is taking an extremely proactive approach to protecting the public by recalling the products produced at their facility during the timeframes subject of this recall to ensure public health and safety. While Western Mixers nor the FDA have found *Salmonella* in any of their finished products distributed in commerce, they are undertaking this action in full cooperation with the Food and Drug Administration and the California Department of Public Health. The company has ceased the production and distribution of the product as FDA, ARO and Western Mixers continue with their investigations.

Consumers who have purchased Treasured Harvest Pistachios with reference to the above Lot numbers, are urged to destroy the product and/or return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Western Mixers Produce & Nuts, Inc. at: 1-877-230-8449, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:00 am (PST) and 2:00 pm (PST).

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