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**Company Announcement Date:**

May 03, 2023

**FDA Publish Date:**

May 03, 2023

**Product Type:**

Food & Beverages  
Dressing/Condiment  
Foodborne Illness

**Reason for Announcement:**

Potential Foodborne Illness/Salmonella

**Company Name:**

Rushdi Food Industries

**Brand Name:**

Mighty Sesame Co.

**Product Description:**

Organic Tahini

**Bayonne, NJ. (May 3, 2023) – Rushdi Food Industries**, an Israeli based manufacturer, is voluntarily recalling their Mighty Sesame 10.9 Oz Organic Tahini (Squeezable) with the specific expiration date of 9/25/23 due to potential *Salmonella* contamination. *Salmonella* is 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.

This recall was initiated when the company received a notification by the FDA and the Ohio Department of Health of the potential presence of *Salmonella* in this specific lot. The company has received no reports of illness or injury to date. We immediately informed all Stores who had purchased this product within this lot code about this Recall and instructed them to remove any product which might be on their shelves.

Only packages bearing the following Lot Code/Best by date are being recalled at this time. All products other than the ones with the affected Best by Date mentioned in the table are ok to consume.

UPC Code	Description	Expiration Date
858313006208	Mighty Sesame 10.9 Oz Organic Tahini (Squeezable)	9/25/23

**The recalled product was distributed to stores predominately located in the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut regions as well as some stores nationwide** during the weeks of February 23rd, 2023 through March 5th, 2023. Based off of sales velocity, there is an extremely low chance that any of the affected product would still be available for retail. All products other than the ones with the affected Best by Date mentioned in the table are ok to consume.

Consumers who may have purchased this product are advised to discontinue use immediately and discard or return the product for credit or refund. If a consumer experiences the symptoms listed above and believes they may have been exposed to *Salmonella*, they are urged to report to a medical provider.

Consumers who have questions may contact us at [Customercare@kayco.com](mailto:Customercare@kayco.com) or by phone at 718-369-4600 Monday through Friday 9 AM to 5PM Eastern Time.

<https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/rushdi-foods-issues-voluntary-recall-one-lot-their-mighty-sesame-organic-tahini-109-oz-squeeze-0>

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- \* We believe that none of the product being recalled were processed or offered through the national office
  - \* We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.
  - \* ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.
  - \* For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

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#### About Feeding America Recall Notices

The Feeding America national office issues notifications of all national Class I and II recalls--those involving a health hazard situation in which there is reasonable probability that eating the food will cause health problems or death--and other recalls that may affect the safety of food supplied to network members.

The national office strongly encourages all member product solicitors, operations managers, and others involved in food and grocery distribution to regularly consult resources provided by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html>, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis\\_Recalls/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/index.asp). Additionally, members can often receive information on national, state, and local recalls by contacting their local health departments.

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