

# FDA FOOD RECALL EARLY ALERT



## 165 Days Until Recall 14 Illnesses in 11 States

### February 24, 2014

FDA began an inspection at firm's manufacturing facility and collected environmental samples.



**Linked Illness**  
03/04/2014

### March 24, 2014

FDA learned two samples collected from ill persons matched the "uncommon" *Salmonella* strain collected at the facility.



**Linked Illness**  
06/05/2014  
06/18/2014\*\*

### August 15, 2014

FDA considered using mandatory recall authority, but firm agreed to voluntary recall.



### Linked Illnesses\*

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1: 12/04/2012   | 6: 09/20/2013   |
| 2: 12/21/2012** | 7: 10/07/2013** |
| 3: 07/08/2013   | 8: 01/22/2014   |
| 4: 08/21/2013   | 9: 01/28/2014   |
| 5: 09/03/2013   |                 |

### March 7, 2014

FDA discovered *Salmonella* in environmental samples from firm's manufacturing facility.



**Linked Illness**  
03/18/2014

**Linked Illnesses**  
04/24/2014

### May 12, 2014

Whole-genome sequencing confirmed certain ill person samples were "indistinguishable" from environmental samples.



### August 19, 2014

Firm initiated voluntary recall.



**165 Days Until Recall**  
March 7, 2014 – August 19, 2014  
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\* "Linked illness" represents the date the strain of *Salmonella* that was indistinguishable from or linked to the strain found at the firm's manufacturing facility was isolated from an ill person's sample.

\*\* When isolation date was unavailable, the date the information was uploaded was used.

Source of Information: FDA recall files

Report: <http://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region1/11501500.asp>



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