

News Release
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CRUNCH PAK SLICED APPLES RECALLED BY MANUFACTURER

Crunch Pak® of Cashmere, Wash., is voluntarily recalling 5,471 cases of some Crunch Pak® Apple Slices products due to a possible health risk from *Listeria monocytogenes*, Commissioner of Agriculture Walt Helmick warned West Virginia consumers on Friday.

The recall only applies to certain lots of apple slices with “use by” dates of Nov. 14 and Nov. 18. No other Crunch Pak® products are affected, and no illnesses have been reported, according to the company. “Anyone with recalled products should throw it away and not eat it,” Commissioner Helmick said. “Although serious illnesses are rare, it’s not worth taking a chance.”

Consumers who have recalled product should keep the purchase receipt if they still have it. Consumers can contact Crunch Pak at 1-509-888-7648, M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, email them at Customerservice@crunchpak.com, or visit www.crunchpak.com for more information.

This voluntary recall was initiated after a single, random sample of 14 oz. package of Crunch Pak brand Tart Apple Slices, taken by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*. Crunch Pak representatives are already contacting retail customers who received the product directly from the company and asking that they remove the recalled product from store shelves and inventories.

However, some cases of the recalled product were shipped to regional distribution centers, and Crunch Pak is taking the extra precautionary measure of issuing this recall nationwide.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The following products are subject to this nationwide recall:

Product Description for Nov. 14, 2013 Voluntary Recall Totaling 5,471 cases	UPC Code *	Best if Used By Date*
Crunch Pak® Tart Apple Slices 14 ounce bag	732313141209	11/14/13
Crunch Pak® Tart Apple Slices 2 ounce bag with Low Fat Caramel Dip Multi pak of 5	732313091139	11/14/13
Crunch Pak® Tart Apple Slices 2 ounce bag Multi pak of 6	732313121034	11/14/13
Crunch Pak® Tart Apple Slices 3 pound bag	732313481206	11/14/13
Crunch Pak® Sweet Honeycrisp Apple Slices 12 ounce bag	732313120013	11/14/13
Crunch Pak® Blue Raspberry Flavorz Apple Slices 2 ounce bag Multi pak of 5 with Monsters University	732313089969	11/18/13
* In order to identify the recalled products, both the product description or UPC code AND the Best-if-Used-By-Date must be used. The UPC code and best by date are printed on the back of the packages. Because the UPC code is used for all items in these categories, the UPC code alone will not identify the recalled product.		