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Tropical Nut & Fruit of Charlotte, NC Announces a Nationwide Voluntary Recall of Walnut Products Because of Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - December 10, 2010 - Tropical Nut & Fruit of Charlotte, NC, is voluntarily recalling all its products containing walnuts supplied by Atlas Walnuts, LLC after November 16, 2010 because they have the potential to contain Salmonella. 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. For more information on Salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Website at <http://www.cdc.gov>.

The recalled products are sold in retail stores nationwide, distributed to manufacturers, and distributors.

Item Number	Brand/label	Products	Package/Size	UPC Code or Other Identifier	Julian Date Code or Best By Date Affected
183100	Atlas	Atlas Walnut Combination Halves & Pieces 25lb	Cardboard case 25lb	094184112376	Stamped number on the bottom of the case that begins with a 76
858207	Tropical	Walnut Halves/Pcs Combination 12/6oz	Clear deli tray 6oz	094184514156	Best Before 6-16-11 to 7-1-11
868201	Harris Teeter	Walnut Halves & Pcs 2/6oz Acetate	Clear deli tray 6oz	094184512138	Best Before 6-16-11 to 7-1-11
100710	Tropical	Mixed Nuts Deluxe Roasted Salted 25lb	Cardboard case 25lb	094184112086	32010 - 33610
101100	Tropical	Hi Energy Mix 25lb	Cardboard case 25lb	094184110143	32010 - 33610
850107	Tropical	Hi Energy 12/12oz Acetate Grocery	Clear deli tray 12oz	094184510547	Best Before 6-16-11 to 7-1-11
100440	Tropical	California Natural 25lb	Cardboard case 25lb	094184100441	32010 - 33610
102330	Tropical	Sienna Cream Crunch Natural 25lb	Sienna Cream Crunch Natural 25lb	094184110334	32010 - 33610
100450	Tropical	California Mix T/A 25lb	25lb	094184100458	32010 - 33610
851207	Tropical	California Mix 12 CT Acetate Grocery	Clear deli tray 12oz	094184512275	Best Before 6-16-11 to 7-1-11
100460	Tropical	Yogurt Ambrosia 25lb	Cardboard case 25lb	094184100465	32010 - 33610
102100	Tropical	Perfectly Fit 25lb	Cardboard case 25lb	094184021005	32010 - 33610
851041	Harris Teeter	Perfectly Fit 12/11oz Acetate	Clear deli tray 11oz	094184510417	Best Before 6-16-11 to 7-1-11
851047	Tropical	Perfectly Fit 12/11oz Acetate	Clear deli tray 11oz	094184021012	Best Before 6-16-11 to 7-1-11
207170	Tropical	California Mix Snack Bag 12/6oz	Cellophane bag 6oz	094184000741	Best Before 6-16-11 to 7-1-11
18300P	Tropical	Walnut Light Halves & Pieces 2/4.5lb	Clear plastic jug 4.5lb	094184100755	32010 - 33610

This recall covers only the above listed products that contain walnuts. No other Tropical Nut & Fruit products are affected by this recall. The voluntary recall was initiated when Atlas Walnuts, LLC recalled their product after they received a report from one of their customers indicating a positive result for Salmonella. Atlas conducted additional Salmonella tests on the same product lot and those results were negative.

Tropical Nut & Fruit of Charlotte, NC has not received any consumer illness complaints associated with its products. However, it is taking precautionary steps, including removing the impacted products from retail store shelves and the entire distribution system. Consumers who have purchased the recalled products should return them to the store where they were purchased for a full refund. Consumers with additional questions may call 800-438-4470 EST 8:00AM to 5:00PM.