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## Press Release

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### **Sunland, Inc. Expands Recall to All Peanut Butter Products**

Juneau, AK. – Four more peanut butter products distributed in Alaska and potentially contaminated with *Salmonella* have been added to the expanded Sunland, Inc. recall of all products manufactured in its peanut butter facility after March 1, 2010. The original recall covered 101 products manufactured between May 1, 2012 and September 24, 2012. The expanded recall adds 49 products inside the “Best-If-Used-By” dates and adds an additional 90 products outside the “Best-If-Used-By” dates. Sunland, Inc. supplied nut products to several businesses, so peanut and almond butter products have been recalled under names other than Sunland, Inc. These products were available to consumers in stores and online.

*Salmonella* is an organism that 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 beginning 12-72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts 4-7 days. 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.

The recalled products listed below can be identified by the UPC code and a “Best-If-Used-By” date of March 1, 2011 or later stamped on the side of the jar’s label below the lid of the jar. The UPC is located below the bar code on all products. For products in jars, it will appear on the side of the jar’s label. For products in other types of containers, the bar code may be located elsewhere on the packaging.

<b>Product Description</b>	<b>Package</b>	<b>UPC Code</b>
Archer Farms Almond, Peanut, Cashew Butter	16-oz	UPC 85239-02336
SUNLAND Natural Creamy Valencia Peanut Butter	1-oz squeeze packets	UPC 48687-34072
SUNLAND Natural Creamy Banana Peanut Butter	1-oz squeeze packets	UPC 48687-54072

SUNLAND Natural Creamy Chocolate Peanut Butter	1-oz squeeze packets	UPC 48687-60072
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Alaska DEC has confirmed these products were distributed in Alaska. To date, no illnesses have been reported in the state; however, there have been at least 30 reported cases of *Salmonella Bredeney* in 19 states attributed to the recalled products manufactured by Sunland, Inc.

Consumers who have any affected peanut butter products dated after March 1, 2010 should return them to the place of purchase or destroy them.

Consumers can get information on the recall 24 hours per day by contacting Sunland at 1-866-837-1018. In addition, a consumer services representative is available Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM MT at (575) 356-6638.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm322747.htm?source=govdelivery>

A complete list of product recalls associated with the Sunland, Inc. recall can be found at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm322747.htm?source=govdelivery>

To view all available photos of the recalled products, visit the following three locations:

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Safety/Recalls/UCM322770.pdf>

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Safety/Recalls/UCM322794.pdf>

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Safety/Recalls/UCM322772.pdf>

For more information on recalls affecting Alaskans, visit DEC's website:

<http://www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.html>

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