



Press Release

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Stonewall Kitchen Dessert Sauces Voluntarily Recalled for Possible Botulism Contamination

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is warning the public to avoid eating seven varieties of Stonewall Kitchen dessert sauces. The products have been voluntarily recalled because they may be contaminated with *Clostridium botulinum*, a bacterium which affects the nervous system and can cause life-threatening illness or death.

Consumers are warned not to open containers of this product. If already open, do not use the product even if it does not look or smell spoiled. Discard opened containers by double bagging them in sealable plastic bags. For refund information and other questions, please contact Stonewall Kitchen Premier Services at 1-800-826-1735.

The following list of products was distributed nationwide to consumers through the nine Stonewall Kitchen Company Stores, Stonewall Kitchen's direct-to-consumer division (catalog/internet) and through their wholesale division. Products could have been purchased individually or within a gift basket. Several of these recalled products have been found in Alaska and are being removed from shelves.

- Stonewall Kitchen Chocolate Hazelnut Sauce (SKU 161312), round glass jar, 12 oz.
- Stonewall Kitchen Chocolate Peanut Butter (SKU 161211), round glass jar, 12 oz.
- Stonewall Kitchen Coffee Caramel Sauce (SKU 161204), round glass jar, 13 oz.
- Stonewall Kitchen Dulce de Leche Sauce (SKU 161214), round glass jar, 12.5 oz.
- Barefoot Contessa Espresso Dulce de Leche (SKU 542313), round glass jar, 10.5 oz.
- Simply Enjoy Coffee Caramel Sauce, square glass jar, 13 oz.
- Simply Enjoy Chocolate Peanut Butter Sauce, square glass jar, 12 oz.

Botulism, a potentially fatal form of food poisoning, can cause the following symptoms: general weakness, dizziness, double-vision and trouble with speaking or swallowing. Difficulty in breathing, weakness of other muscles, abdominal distension and constipation may also be common symptoms. People experiencing these problems should seek immediate medical attention. No illnesses have been reported in Alaska.

More information about *Clostridium botulinum* can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: http://www.cdc.gov/botulism/botulism_faq.htm

For more information on recalls, log onto our website at:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.htm>