

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Brodt Zenatti Holding LLC. Recalls Karawan Brand Tahini & SoCo Brand Tahini Because of Possible Health Risk

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Summary

Company Announcement Date:

June 10, 2019

FDA Publish Date:

June 10, 2019

Product Type:

Food & Beverages

Reason for Announcement:

Salmonella

Company Name:

Brodt Zenatti Holding LLC

Brand Name:

Karawan & SoCo

Product Description:

Tahini

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Brodt Zenatti Holding LLC of Jupiter, Florida is recalling all retail and bulk Karawan brand Tahini, sold in Jars: 450g (15.87 oz) and Buckets: 17kg (599.6 oz); 3kg (105.8 oz) that were imported from Palestine between the dates of December 2018 to April 2019 and SoCo Brand Tahini; because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, 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.

Karawan brand Tahini was directly distributed to New York and Texas. We currently know that distributors have thereafter shipped the product to Massachusetts and Virginia.

Specific information on how to identify the Karawan brand Tahini product includes:

- a. **Name of product:** Tahini
- b. **Brand name:** Karawan Tahini
- c. **Unit size:** Jar: 450g (15.87 oz), Buckets: 17kg (599.6 oz), 3 kg (105.822 oz)
- d. **Storage conditions:** No refrigeration storage needed.
- e. **Expiration Date (s):** Two years from the production. The expiration date is located on the lid of the containers.

Retail label for SoCo brand Tahini

Specific information on how to identify the SoCo brand Tahini product includes:

- a. **Name of product:** Tahini
- b. **Brand name:** SoCo Tahini
- c. **Unit size:** Container: 380g (13.4 oz)
- d. **Storage conditions:** No refrigeration storage needed.
- e. **Expiration Date (s):** Two years from the production. The expiration date is located on the lid of the containers.

Four (4) illnesses have been reported to date.

This recall has been initiated due to New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene laboratory results from two samples of Karawan brand tahini testing positive for *Salmonella*. Brodt Zenatti Holding LLC has ceased the importation and distribution of the product as FDA and Brodt Zenatti Holding LLC continue their investigation as to what caused the problem.

Consumers who have purchased Karawan brand tahini or SoCo brand Tahini are urged to destroy it or return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Brodt Zenatti Holding LLC at 305-570-9050, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Initial Press Release (<https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/brodt-zenatti-holding-llc-recalls-karawan-brand-tahini-soco-brand-tahini-because-possible-health>)

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