

## COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

# Mountain Rose Herbs Recalls Fennel Seed Whole Because of Possible Health Risk

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## Summary

**Company Announcement Date:**

July 22, 2019

**FDA Publish Date:**

July 22, 2019

**Product Type:**

Food & Beverages

Spices, Flavors & Salts

**Reason for Announcement:**

Potential to be contaminated with Salmonella

**Company Name:**

Mountain Rose Herbs

**Brand Name:**

Mountain Rose Herbs

**Product Description:**

Whole Fennel Seed

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## Company Announcement

**Mountain Rose Herbs (MRH) of Eugene, Oregon** is recalling all sizes ranging from 4 oz. to 50 lbs. of its Fennel Seed Whole, Lot #25031, 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.

The recalled Fennel Seed Whole was sold directly to customers who ordered from mountainroseherbs.com, purchased at the company's retail shop in Eugene, Oregon, or placed mail orders by phone or fax. The affected product was also distributed to vitamin and health food stores in AZ, CA, CO, FL, IL, MA, MI, MN, MT, NC, NE, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WV and to one consignee in Canada. It is possible MRH customers also resold the Fennel Seed Whole to their own clientele.

The product comes in a clear plastic or poly-woven bag marked with lot # 25031, which is located on the principal display panel on the lower left of the label. Product has been sold and distributed between April 2019 and up to July 18, 2019.

No illnesses have been reported to date.

The potential for contamination was noted after testing by the company revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in a portion of its active inventory. Production of the product has been suspended while MRH continues our investigation.

This recall is being made with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Consumers who have purchased MRH affected Fennel Seed Whole are urged not to consume and should return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Mountain Rose Herbs at 1-800-879-3337

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## **Company Contact Information**

### **Consumers:**

Mountain Rose Herbs

☎ 1-800-879-3337

## Product Photos



**Fennel Seed  
Whole**

No known precautions. We recommend that you consult with a qualified healthcare practitioner before using herbal products, particularly if you are pregnant, nursing, or on any medications

<b>Nutrition Facts</b>		<b>Amount/Serving</b>	<b>% DV</b>
540 servings appx		<b>Total Fat</b> 0g	<b>0%</b>
<b>Serving size</b> 1/4 tsp (0.84g)		<b>Sodium</b> 0mg	<b>0%</b>
<b>Calories</b> per serving <b>0</b>		<b>Total Carb.</b> 0g	<b>0%</b>
		<b>Protein</b> 0g	
		<b>Potassium</b> 15mg	<b>0%</b>

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