

Sign of the Times? Bumble Bee Warns of Life-Threatening Illness in Tuna

Bumble Bee Foods announced a voluntarily recall on three specific UPC codes of canned Chunk Light tuna due to potential health risks. The tuna-maker cited “process deviations” in a co-pack facility that it does not own or operate.

“These deviations were part of the commercial sterilization process and could result in contamination by spoilage organisms or pathogens, which could lead to life-threatening illness if consumed,” the company said in a statement. “It is important to note that there have been no reports of illness associated with these products to date. No other production codes or products are affected by this recall.”

According to Bumble Bee, 31,579 cases are included in the recall which were produced in February 2016 and distributed nationally. The products subject to this recall are marked with a can code that starts with a “T.”

“The recall is being initiated out of an abundance of caution due to the possible under-processing of the affected products discovered by the co-packer during its routine quality audit,” the company said. “Bumble Bee is working closely with the co-packer and the FDA to expedite the removal of products from commerce.”

Bumble Bee is advising customers to throw away the recalled product.