



CHIEF EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGED STATEMENT
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SECTION 289 OF THE FOOD ACT 2014

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Martyn Dunne, Chief Executive of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), for the purpose of section 289 of the Food Act 2014, issues this privileged statement.

MPI has received information from Canada and the United States about **Chia seed products** which may contain Salmonella bacteria. If consumed these products may cause gastroenteritis symptoms, such as vomiting, diarrhoea and stomach pain.

The United States Food and Drug Administration warning is available here:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/RecallsOutbreaksEmergencies/Outbreaks/ucm399235.htm>

The following **Navitas Naturals** products from the United States are sold through retailers in New Zealand and may contain the affected chia seeds:

Name of product	Package size	Best by dates (in the US format of month/day/year)
Navitas Naturals Organic Sprouted Chia Powder	8oz / 227g	All dates up to and including 11/22/2015
Navitas Naturals Omega Blend Sprouted Smoothie Mix	8oz / 227g	All dates up to and including 11/5/2015
Williams-Sonoma Omega 3 Smoothie Mixer	8oz / 227g	All dates up to and including 10/31/2015

Some chia seed products from Canada may also contain the affected chia seeds however MPI believes that these are only available for purchase via internet sales from Canada.

Information on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency recall can be found here:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/newsroom/food-recall-warnings/complete-listing/2014-06-07b/eng/1402207960067/1402207972723>

Consumers should not eat any of these products and either dispose of them or return them to the retailer.

Consumers may seek further information about these products from the retailer, MPI's website

www.mpi.govt.nz or MPI's consumer helpline on 0800 693 721. If you have any health concerns please seek medical advice from your doctor or call Healthline on 0800 611 116.

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