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John B. Sanfilippo & Son, Inc. Voluntarily Recalls Fisher Brand 10 Ounce Chopped Walnuts Because of Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – ELGIN, IL – May 1, 2015 – John B. Sanfilippo & Son, Inc. (JBSS) announced today that it is voluntarily recalling Fisher brand chopped walnuts packaged in 10 ounce plastic bags because some of these products may be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

Salmonella is 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.

Consumers who have recently purchased the items with the BEST BY DATES listed in the table below at retail stores located nationwide and in Puerto Rico should not consume this product and should return it to the store of purchase for a full refund or replacement. The BEST BY DATES can be found on the back of the bags.

JBSS Item			PRODUCT	UNIT		
Code	UPC#	BRAND	DESCRIPTION	WT.	<u>UM</u>	BEST BY DATE
P03004	070690 02365 8	Fisher	Chopped Walnuts	10	OZ	03/23/16 HC1
P03004	070690 02365 8	Fisher	Chopped Walnuts	10	ΟZ	03/23/16 HC2

To date, JBSS has not received any reports of illnesses in connection with the items listed above.

This voluntary recall is the result of a routine sampling program conducted by the FDA in the retail marketplace which revealed that a 10 ounce package of Fisher brand chopped walnuts contained *Salmonella*.

Contact for Consumers:

Consumers or customers who have questions about the above recall may contact John B. Sanfilippo and Son, Inc. Customer Service toll-free at (800) 874-8734 Monday through Friday from 8:15 AM to 5:15 PM Central Time. #