

Bumble Bee Foods smoke clams recalled due to PFAS chemical

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Bumble Bee Foods is recalling some canned, smoked clams because they



contain high levels of chemicals called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

The <u>voluntary recall</u>, announced July 6, comes after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration found detectable <u>PFAS</u> levels in samples of the product.

The recall affects only 3.75-oz. cans of Bumble Bee Smoked Clams with the UPC label 8660075234. The <u>clams</u> came from a manufacturer in China, the company said.

PFAS are a group of manmade chemicals used in many products, including non-stick cookware, water-repellent clothing, stain-resistant fabrics and carpets, some cosmetics, some firefighting foams, and products that resist grease, water and oil.

These chemicals do not break down quickly and can build up in the environment and people. PFAS can increase blood-cholesterol levels and blood pressure and lead to the pregnancy complication pre-eclampsia. It can also cause developmental problems, lower immune responses, alter liver function and increase certain cancers.

So far, no illnesses have been reported linked to these clams, which are sold throughout the United States. This recall does not involve any other Bumble Bee products, and the company said it is working with the manufacturer in China to investigate.

People who have the <u>recalled products</u> should throw them out, the company said.

More information: For questions about the recall or reimbursement, call 888-295-3627 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST Monday through Friday, or visit <u>Bumble Bee's website</u>.



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