

Possible Botulism Risk: New Era Expands Recall

New Era Canning Company, New Era, Mich., is expanding its earlier product recall of certain canned beans to include all canned green beans and garbanzo beans distributed by the company nationwide over the last five years because of potential *Clostridium botulinum* (*C. botulinum*). For an updated list of the recalled products, visit

<http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/newera.html> New Era took this voluntary action in the interest of public health in accordance with FDA's recall request. The company is taking immediate action to retrieve all inventories of the products throughout the distribution chain, including consumers' homes, nursing homes, schools, warehouses, restaurants, retail stores, health care facilities, and other facilities. To date, no illnesses have been reported to FDA. But consumers should not consume these products because of the potential serious health risk. *C. botulinum* can cause botulism, a serious and sometimes life-threatening condition.

Note that New Era produces canned products under other brand names and labels. Therefore, the recalled products may not necessarily be labeled with New Era's name. Also, the cans may bear a variety of product codes or no codes at all. Regardless of brand name or label, or the presence or absence of a code, the recalled cans should not be opened or used.

FDA Press Releases <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01764.html>
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