
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 9, 2017

Hostess Brands, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-37540
(Commission
File Number)

47-4168492
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1 East Armour Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri
(Address of principal executive offices)

64111
(Zip Code)

(816) 701-4600
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 9, 2017, Hostess issued a press release announcing the voluntary recall of its Holiday WhitePeppermint Hostess® Twinkies® because of a recall by Blommer Chocolate Company of the confectionary coating used on the Holiday White Peppermint Hostess Twinkies product. The confectionary coating contains milk powder ingredients recalled by Valley Milk Products, LLC due to a concern of *Salmonella* contamination. No illnesses have been reported to date, and none of the confectionary coating sampled has tested positive for *Salmonella*. However, Hostess is initiating this voluntary recall out of an abundance of caution.

This recall applies only to the White Peppermint Hostess Twinkies (UPC 888109111571), which were only sold in multipack boxes (9 individually wrapped cakes in a box). This recall does not affect any other Hostess products. The products were sold to mass merchandisers, grocery stores, distributors, dollar and discount stores, and convenience stores throughout the United States.

Although it is too early to estimate the total cost of the recall, Hostess currently expects these costs to be immaterial and to fully recover such costs from its existing insurance policies and third-party indemnities.

The information contained in the press release, which is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1, is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibits
99.1	Press Release dated January 9, 2017.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HOSTESS BRANDS, INC.

Date: January 9, 2017

By: /s/ Thomas Peterson

Name: Thomas Peterson

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit List

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibits
99.1	Press Release dated January 9, 2017.

Hostess Brands



HOSTESS BRANDS, LLC ISSUES VOLUNTARY RECALL OF LIMITED-EDITION HOLIDAY WHITE PEPPERMINT HOSTESS® TWINKIES® BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK

January 9, 2017 Kansas City, MO - Hostess Brands, LLC ("Hostess") is voluntarily recalling its Holiday White Peppermint Hostess® Twinkies® because of a recall by Blommer Chocolate Company of the confectionary coating used on the Holiday White Peppermint Hostess Twinkies product. The confectionary coating contains milk powder ingredients recalled by Valley Milk Products, LLC due to a concern of *Salmonella* contamination. No illnesses have been reported to date, and none of the confectionary coating sampled has tested positive for *Salmonella*. However, Hostess is initiating this voluntary recall out of an abundance of caution.

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.

This recall applies **only** to the White Peppermint Hostess Twinkies (UPC 888109111571), which were only sold in multipack boxes (9 individually wrapped cakes in a box, as pictured below). This recall **does not affect** any other Hostess products. The products were sold to mass merchandisers, grocery stores, distributors, dollar and discount stores, and convenience stores throughout the United States.

Consumers who have purchased the affected product are urged to discontinue consumption and return them to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Consumers with questions may contact 1-800-483-7253 Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Central Time.

Hostess Brands, LLC

Hostess Brands, LLC is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri and operates bakeries in Emporia, Kansas, Columbus, Georgia and Indianapolis, Indiana.

For more information about Hostess products and Hostess Brands, LLC, please visit hostesscakes.com. Follow Hostess on Twitter: @Hostess_Snacks; on Facebook: [facebook.com/Hostess](https://www.facebook.com/Hostess); on Instagram: [Hostess_Snacks](https://www.instagram.com/Hostess_Snacks); and on Pinterest: [pinterest.com/hostesscakes](https://www.pinterest.com/hostesscakes).

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