

Recall -- Firm Press Release

Peanut Corporation of America Expands Nationwide Recall of Peanut Butter

Company Announces the Voluntary Recall of Peanut Paste Produced in Georgia Plant

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Lynchburg, Va. (January 18, 2009) -- Peanut Corporation of America (PCA), is expanding the recall of peanut butter and voluntarily recalling peanut paste made at its Blakely, Georgia facility because the products have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. *Salmonella* is an organism that 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.

The recalled peanut butter and peanut paste were distributed to institutions, food service industries, and private label food companies in 24 states, the province of Saskatchewan in Canada, Korea and Haiti. The U.S. states are the following: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia. In addition, affected product was used as an ingredient in other products that may have been distributed in other states.

None of the peanut butter being recalled is sold directly to consumers through retail stores by PCA.

The recalled peanut butter in the expanded recall is sold by PCA in bulk packaging in containers ranging in size from five to 1,700 pounds. The peanut paste is sold in sizes ranging from 35-pound containers to tanker containers. The lot numbers for all recalled products are at the end of this news release. All of the peanut butter and peanut paste in the expanded recall was made on or after July 1, 2008, and **only** at the Georgia facility.

The potential for contamination was noted after a small number of samples from unopened containers and environmental samples from the Blakely, Georgia facility tested positive for *Salmonella*. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has said the investigation is "very active and dynamic," and PCA continues to work closely with the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as they continue their investigation into the nationwide outbreak of *Salmonella*.

The Blakely, Georgia facility has currently stopped producing all products as the FDA and CDC continue their investigation, but some PCA staff remain to assist in the on-going investigation.

PCA is notifying customers that may have received the recalled product by phone and/or in writing. Customers should segregate and hold the product and call PCA at 1-877-564-7080 for further instructions. "We deeply regret that this product recall has expanded, and our first priority is to protect the health of our customers," said Stewart Parnell, President of Peanut Corporation of America.

The following is a list of all the products affected by the original recall and the amended recall:

PCA Stock #	Pack Size	Description Affected:
551000	6 ct / 5 lb	Creamy Stabilized Peanut Butter
551000 AZ	6 ct / 5 lb	Creamy Stabilized Peanut Butter with Sugar
551006	6 ct / 5 lb	Crunchy Stabilized Peanut Butter
551020	35 lb	Creamy Stabilized Peanut Butter
551022	35 lb	Natural Course Peanut Paste
551025	35 lb	Old Fashioned Creamy Peanut Butter w/ 1% Salt
551026	35 lb	Old Fashioned Crunchy Peanut Butter w/ 1% Salt
551034	35 lb	Crunchy Stabilized Peanut Butter
551035	35 lb	Crunchy Natural Peanut Butter
551040	35 lb	Creamy Natural Peanut Butter
551049	50 lb	Sugar Free Creamy Stabilized Peanut Butter
551050	50 lb	Creamy Stabilized Peanut Butter
551050-PO	50 lb	Creamy Stabilized Peanut Butter with Palm Oil
551050-D	50 lb	Dark Creamy Stabilized Peanut Butter
551050-XS	50 lb	Creamy Extra Stabilized Peanut Butter
551051	50 lb	Creamy Stabilized Peanut Butter with Monodiglyceride
551053	50 lb	Crunchy Stabilized Peanut Butter
551053-OS	50 lb	Extra Crunchy Stabilized Peanut Butter
551059	475 lb	Creamy Natural Peanut Butter with Stabilizer

551060	35 lb	Organic Natural Creamy Peanut Butter
551061	35 lb	Organic Old Fashioned Crunchy Peanut Butter
551062	35 lb	Organic Crunchy Natural Peanut Butter
551063	35 lb	Organic Old Fashioned Creamy Peanut Butter
551064	35 lb	Organic Natural Creamy Peanut Butter
551072	45 lb	Peanut Butter Variegate
551080	475 lb	Creamy Natural Redskin Peanut Butter with Salt
551082	475 lb	Creamy Natural Peanut Butter
551082-DR	475 lb	Dark Roasted Creamy Natural Peanut Butter
561000	35 lb	Pet Food Paste
561000	475 lb	Feed Grade Peanut Butter
100TPASTE	1700 lb	Creamy Natural Peanut Butter
RM-PASTE	1700 lb	Peanut Paste

Lot Numbers Affected:

8183 8184 8185 8186 8187 8188 8189 8190 8191 8192 8193 8194 8195 8196 8197 8198
8199 8200 8201 8202 8203 8204 8205 8206 8207 8208 8209 8210 8211 8212 8213 8214
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8279 8280 8281 8282 8283 8284 8285 8286 8287 8288 8289 8290 8291 8292 8293 8294
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8359 8360 8361 8362 8363 8364 8365 8366 9001 9002 9003 9004 9005 9006 9007 9008
9009 9010 9011 9012 9013 9014 9015 9016

PCA Stock #	Pack Size	Description Affected:
561058	Tanker	Coarse Natural Paste

Lot Numbers Affected:

8169 8170 8172 8173 8174 8184 8185 8186 8187 8203 8204 8205 8206 8214 8215 8216
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