



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

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To: Local Directors of Health
Chief Sanitarians
Certified Food Inspectors
Interested Parties

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Subject: King Nut peanut butter associated with multi-state *Salmonella* outbreak

On January 10, 2009, King Nut Companies, a distributor of peanut butter manufactured for them by Peanut Corporation of America, announced a recall of peanut butter distributed under the King Nut label. This action was taken after it was determined an open 5-lb tub of peanut butter tested positive for *Salmonella Typhimurium*. The positive sample was matched by PFGE to the current multi-state *salmonella* outbreak affecting 42 states.

The Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection Food and Standards Division (DCP) has determined that there was distribution of King Nut peanut butter throughout the state to multiple food service establishments and institutions such as long-term care facilities, hospitals, and schools.

The affected peanut butter was distributed by City Line Distributors, of West Haven, CT. Products include 5-pound tubs of creamy peanut butter with a lot # beginning with 8. Individual tubs of product do not have a label indicating the lot #. Cases, which contain 6 tubs in total, do have a label that states the lot code #. Only lots beginning with 8 are included in the current recall.

The Food Protection Program is recommending that any customer who has received a 5-pound tub of King Nut creamy peanut butter from City Line Distributors check the lot # to determine if it is associated with the recall. If a lot # cannot be determined by existing labeling, it is recommended to immediately discontinue use of the product.

DCP may be reached at (860) 713-6160 for further information and assistance regarding distribution in Connecticut.

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