

Health Advisory

Salmonella and Peanut Product Recall

In cooperation with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is issuing this notice to advise you of an important recall of products that could cause serious illness in the population groups your organization represents.

A wide range of peanut and peanut-containing products are being recalled because of possible contamination with *Salmonella Typhimurium* bacteria. To date, no cases of illness in Canada have been associated with these products. Salmonella can cause serious illness and even death, particularly in vulnerable populations including small children, the elderly and those with weakened immune systems.

The affected peanut ingredients originate from an American company, but many products available in Canada are implicated. The CFIA is conducting ongoing investigations in Canada and issuing frequent advisories.

Lists of recalled products are available on the CFIA and United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) websites:

CFIA

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/corpaffr/recarapp/2009/20090202e.shtml>

FDA

<http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/Salmonellatyph.html#recalls>

Since the lists are being updated regularly, we encourage you to register for the CFIA food recall subscription service web page at:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/corpaffr/recarapp/recaltoce.shtml>.

Through this link, you will be invited to subscribe to the CFIA automatic food recall update service where you will receive food recalls and allergy alerts directly via e-mail the moment they are issued.

For more information about food safety and food-related illness, please visit the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) website at: www.phac-aspc.gc.ca

We welcome any other partnering suggestions you may have in helping the CFIA to get this important food safety information to Canadians.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in getting this message out via your publications and websites.

