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Peanut butter recall widens to include products bought since Oct. 2004

March 14, 2007— The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is extending its Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter recall beginning with product code 2111, including peanut butter toppings to include products dated back to October, 2004. Previous warnings extended to products made since December, 2005. Consumers should discard all products purchased since 2004.

The Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health & Social Services previously warned consumers about Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter with product code 2111 and products, including toppings, made with bulk peanut butter linked to the recent salmonella outbreak.

ConAgra Foods Inc. has recalled all potentially contaminated batches of both Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter products. According to the FDA, 290 people from 39 states have suffered from food-borne illness caused by Salmonella, although no deaths have been reported.

Salmonella is an infection caused by bacteria that can be found in contaminated food. Symptoms include fever, abdominal cramps and diarrhea. The illness typically lasts four to seven days, and most people recover without needing treatment. Some, however, may experience more serious symptoms and require hospitalization. Without prompt treatment, severe illness can lead to death. The elderly, infants and people with impaired immune systems are at greatest risk for severe illness.

Consumers who have questions should contact ConAgra at 866-344-6970.

FDA will provide regular updates as more information becomes available.

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