



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

### EHS Circular Letter # 2008-24

Date: April 7, 2008

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

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Subject: Malt-O-Meal Company Puffed Rice Recall

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Malt-O-Meal Company, a Minneapolis, MN firm, is voluntarily recalling its unsweetened puffed rice and unsweetened puffed wheat cereals because they may be contaminated with Salmonella. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this product. All other Malt-O-Meal products, besides the puffed rice and puffed wheat cereals, are not included with this recall.

The recalled products were distributed nationally under various label brands with a "best if used by" date ranging from April 8, 2008 to March 18, 2009. Brand labels include: Acme, America's Choice, Food Club, Giant, Hannaford, Jewel, Laura Lynn, Pathmark, Shaw's, Shoprite, Tops, and Weis Quality. A complete list of affected products can be found at [www.malt-o-meal.com/recallinfo](http://www.malt-o-meal.com/recallinfo). This product may be found in both retail stores and food service establishments.

The Department of Consumer Protection Food and Standards Division is aware of the recall and can be reached at (860) 713-6160 for questions or concerns about the product. Refer any cases of reported foodborne illness to their physicians for appropriate evaluation and testing, and forward a completed copy of the Foodborne Illness Complaint Form, as warranted.

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