



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

### EHS Circular Letter #2009-03-5

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

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Subject: Update Regarding Expansion of Peanut Corporation of America Product Recall to Include Product Dating Back to January 1, 2007

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On January 28, Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) expanded its previous voluntary recall to include more products and lot numbers relating to peanut butter and peanut paste products manufactured on or after **January 1, 2007**, at its Blakely, Ga., plant because of potential *Salmonella* contamination. (See attached PCA press release) FDA expects that this expansion of the recall will result in even more products being recalled as it becomes known which foods contain the recalled product. As a result, it is expected that notices of affected products from FDA will continue to be issued.

Because the recall is ongoing and the product list is expanding significantly, the best way for local health departments to obtain an accurate list of all recalled products is to check the FDA web site on a regular basis. <http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/salmonellatyph.html> Information on the recalled products is listed individually and is also compiled on an Excel spreadsheet. Please note that the recalled product spreadsheet provided on the FDA web site may not be updated with recalled products that are listed individually. The FDA News Update section should also be checked for any recent additions to the recalled product list.

The Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection is aware of the expanding product recall and may be reached at (860) 713-6160 for additional product distribution information and assistance.

You are encouraged to share this information with food service establishments, food and beverage vending machine operations, institutions (schools, long-term care facilities, hospitals, etc.), and retail food establishments that are likely to have received these products.

#### Advice for Consumers

FDA's advice for consumers has not changed; they are recommending that consumers do not consume peanut butter or peanut paste containing products unless it can be determined that the products are not part of the recall.

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