



DATE: March 5, 2010

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: ^{ASG} A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Homemade Gourmet Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; 1.96 oz Tortilla Soup Mix because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. "Tortilla Soup Mix" is distributed nationwide via mail order delivery and through independent consultant sales. The product was sold individually in a 1.96 oz (55.6 g) pouch, and as part of two kits including the "Let's Make Dinner Collection (stock #40.1032) or the "\$800 pre-select" order for consultants (stock #37.0320). Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Homemade Gourmet Voluntarily Recalls "Tortilla Soup Mix" Because of Possible Health Risk

Contact:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 3, 2010 - Homemade Gourmet of Canton, Texas is voluntarily recalling approximately 320 packages of 1.96 oz Tortilla Soup Mix, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

"Tortilla Soup Mix" is distributed nationwide via mail order delivery and through independent consultant sales. The recalled lots are S1004812411 and S1004912111, which were sold 2/17/2010 through 3/1/2010. All known purchasers of the 320 packages have been contacted and told to destroy them. A full refund has been offered to every customer and consultant.

"Tortilla Soup Mix" is packaged in clear plastic packages with red and beige labeling. The product was sold individually in a 1.96 oz (55.6 g) pouch, and as part of two kits including the "Let's Make Dinner Collection (stock #40.1032) or the "\$800 pre-select" order for consultants (stock #37.0320).

To date, no known illnesses have been associated with this product.

The "Tortilla Soup Mix" was made using Hydrolyzed Vegetable Protein (HVP), manufactured by Basic Food Flavors, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada. The HVP had tested positive for Salmonella at its original manufacturing plant Basic Food Flavors, Inc.

This product should be destroyed immediately. Consumers with questions should contact Homemade Gourmet Customer Service Department at 1-888-477-2848 (Monday – Friday 8-5 C.S.T.) for replacement, substitution or refund.

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Photo: Product Labels¹