



DATE: March 16, 2010
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: ^{ASG} A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Tastefully Simple Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: **Unclassified Recall; Toasted Garlic & Parmesan Cheese Ball 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. Products subject to this recall were distributed nationwide. 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.

Tastefully Simple Issues Voluntary Recall for Toasted Garlic & Parmesan Cheese Ball Mix

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 12, 2010 - Alexandria, MN - Tastefully Simple is voluntarily recalling select 1.1-ounce retail packages and 0.3-ounce samples of Toasted Garlic & Parmesan Cheese Ball Mix. The company, along with others in the food industry, is joining in the efforts of a nationwide ingredient recall to protect consumers from potential Salmonella exposure.

The company was notified about this potential issue by one of its ingredient suppliers. Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, the elderly, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

No illnesses regarding this product have been reported to the company to date. However, Tastefully Simple has decided to initiate this voluntary recall because of its commitment to the safety and health of the public – and its commitment to offering only the highest quality products.

This recall applies only to a small number of retail packages of Toasted Garlic & Parmesan Cheese Ball Mix (Item: 723200) and sample packets (Item: 723270) shipped since February 12, 2010. The following lot codes, which can be found on the bottom of the retail boxes, are involved in the recall: 9315, 9317 and 0004. The lot codes for the sample packets affected are: 9313, 9314 and 0005, which are embossed on the left front side of the packet.

Tastefully Simple encourages anyone who has purchased or received a package of Toasted Garlic & Parmesan Cheese Ball Mix with the lot codes above to destroy it, and call 1.800.235.4513 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm CST Monday through Friday to receive an alternate product. If you have any questions and concerns or would like additional information, simply visit tastefullysimple.com or fda.gov.

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Photo: Product Labels¹