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DATE:

March 2, 2010

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Director, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** 

T. Marzetti Company Recall

#### SUGGESTED

**ACTION:** 

Unclassified Recall; T. Marzetti Veggie Dips, Oak Lake Chip Dips and Great Value Chip Dips because an ingredient used in the product 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 that were distributed nationwide in the United States under the T. Marzetti brand in plastic tubs and sold in the produce section. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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## 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.

# T. Marzetti Company Announces a Voluntary Recall of Dips Due to Possible Health Risk

### **Media Contact:**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- March 01, 2010 - Columbus, Ohio - T. Marzetti Company today announced as a precautionary measure that it is voluntarily recalling certain production codes of T. Marzetti Veggie Dips, Oak Lake Chip Dips and Great Value Chip Dips because an ingredient used in the product has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. There have been no reports of illnesses associated with the identified products, and no other types, varieties of flavors of products are affected by this recall.

Products subject to this recall that were distributed nationwide in the United States under the T. Marzetti brand in plastic tubs and sold in the produce section include:

- T. Marzetti Southwest Ranch Veggie Dip, 15.5 ounce (UPC 70200 52004)
  Best By dates: APR2010F, APR2810F, MAY1610F, MAY3110F, JUN0610F,
  JUN1410F, JUN1910F
- T. Marzetti Fat Free Southwest Ranch Veggie Dip, 13 ounce (UPC 70200 52033)

Best By dates: MAY1610F, MAY3010F, JUN0810F, JUN1210F, JUN2510F

• T. Marzetti Spinach Veggie Dip, 15 ounce (UPC 70200 52059)
Best By dates: APR1910F, MAY0910F, JUN0710F

Products subject to this recall distributed in Canada and Laredo, Texas, under the T. Marzetti brand in plastic tubs and sold in the produce section include:

- T. Marzetti Spinach Veggie Dip, Epinards, Trempette A Legumes, 340 gram (UPC 70200 58843)
  - Best By dates: 10AL11F, 10AL17F, 10AL24F, 10AL30F, 10MA08F, 10JN12F
- T. Marzetti Southwest Ranch Veggie Dip, Ranch style sud-ouest americain Trempette A Legumes, 340 gram (UPC 70200 58844)
  Best By dates: 10AL17F, 10AL24F, 10AL30F, 10MA08F, 10JN05F, 10JN14F

Product subject to this recall distributed in Ohio under the Oak Lake Farms Brand in plastic tubs and sold in the refrigerated case includes:

• Oak Lake Farms French Onion Chip Dip, 16 ounce (UPC 73534 43480)
Best By dates: APR2310F, JUN1110F, JUN2610F

Product distributed in the United States under the Great Value brand in plastic tubs and sold in the refrigerated section includes:

## Great Value Ranch Chip Dip, 16 ounce (UPC 78742 43099)

Best By dates: 042810F, 050810F, 052910F, 053010F, 053110F, 060410F, 060510F, 061110F

- T. Marzetti was notified by its supplier, Basic Food Flavors, Inc., of the recall of an ingredient used in these products due to potential *Salmonella* contamination. Because the safety of consumers is a top priority and out of an abundance of caution, T. Marzetti has voluntarily recalled these product.
- T. Marzetti is working closely with Food and Drug Administration to conduct this voluntary recall.

Salmonella is a common food borne pathogen that can cause severe illnesses, including fever, abdominal cramps and diarrhea. While most individuals recover in three to five days without medical intervention, the infection can be life-threatening to young children, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems. Consumers with any of these symptoms should call their physician. For more information on Salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Website at http://www.cdc.gov<sup>1</sup>.

Consumers who have purchased the recalled products are advised to discard this product or return it to the place of purchase for a refund. Consumers with questions about the recall should contact T. Marzetti Co. at 1-800-427-0147 between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. EST or visit the company's Website at www.marzetti.com<sup>2</sup>.

## About T. Marzetti Company

The T. Marzetti Company is the specialty food subsidiary of Lancaster Colony Corporation (Nasdaq: LANC). More information about the company is available at www.marzetti.com<sup>3</sup>.

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