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DATE: January 26, 2009
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Manager, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Amway Global Peanut Butter Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Peanut Butter Recall; Due to Salmonella Outbreak; Recommend notification to Amway IBO's that may carry these products via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. Amway Global is initiating a voluntary recall on three of their NUTRILITE® energy bars. NUTRILITE® energy bars are sold nationwide through direct sales. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

Amway Global Initiates Nationwide Recall of NUTRILITE Energy Bars Because of Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Ada, MI -- January 23, 2009 -- Amway Global is initiating a voluntary recall on three of our NUTRILITE® energy bars because we have been informed that Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) is one of the peanut paste suppliers that our vendor used to make our energy bars. The FDA and other regulatory agencies have indicated that PCA is the focus of their investigation concerning a recent Salmonella outbreak thought to be caused by contaminated peanut butter. Amway Global has taken this voluntary step as a precaution while the FDA continues its investigation into the unresolved national outbreak. No other NUTRILITE products are involved in the recall.

NUTRILITE® energy bars are sold nationwide through direct sales. The products, SKUs, and manufacturing lots are being recalled are:

Vanilla Pretzel Energy Bar, SKU/UPC 10-6529; lot numbers 8219A, 8242A, 8276A and 8304A

Peanut Butter Energy Bar, SKU/UPC 10-6530; lot numbers 8294A and 8340A

Chocolate Nut Roll Energy Bar, SKU/UPC 10-6528; lots numbers 8287A, 8357A and 8246A

Product Intro Kit, SKU/UPC E9745; lot numbers 8275BPS1, 8275BPS2, 8275BPS3, 8275MSN1, 8275MSN2 and 8275MSN3.

The lot numbers appear on both the package and the individual bars.

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.

Amway Global is not aware of any illnesses related to our recall. These products have been removed from sale. Replacement products will be available within the next two to four weeks, made with a peanut paste source from another vendor not involved in the investigation.

Customers and IBOs who have purchased products with these lot numbers should discard the product and call Customer Support. In keeping with our satisfaction guarantee, we will replace the product or refund the purchase price. Amway Global Customer Support may be contacted at: 800-253-6500 [M-Fri 8 am to midnight and Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST or at Customer.support@amwayglobal.com.

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