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Recall -- Firm Press Release

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GNS Foods Voluntarily Recalls Snack Mixes Containing Honey Mustard/Onion Pretzels from National Pretzel Co. associated with Hydrolyzed Vegetable Protein (HVP) recalled by Basic Food Flavors, Inc. because of the potential Salmonella contamination.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 8, 2010 - Arlington, TX - GNS Foods, Inc. is announcing a voluntary recall of mixes containing certain pretzels. The products contain the ingredient Hydrolyzed Vegetable Protein (HVP) being recalled by Basic Food Flavors because of the potential to contain salmonella. The manufacturer of these pretzels, National Pretzel Co. of San Francisco, CA, used this flavoring, and is voluntarily recalling its related pretzel products. GNS is voluntarily recalling snack mixes which include these pretzels.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections, particularly in young children, the elderly, and persons with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and/or abdominal pain. For more information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at www.cdc.gov.[1]

To date, no complaints or illnesses have been reported associated with the products listed below.

Consumers who recently have purchased the items listed below should not consume these products and should return them to the store of purchase for a full refund or replacement.

The items below were sold after January 26th, 2010 in six states through retail stores located in LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, WV.

This voluntary recall involves the following items:

12oz Bags of Honey Mustard Pretzels under the Great Nut Supply brand with a UPC code 726093 77132 and a Lot/Code of 61150/0280.

10oz Plastic Jars of Honey Mustard Pretzels under the brand Spec's Wines & Fine Foods with a UPC code 000008 98072 and a Lot/Code of 61181/0330 or 210462/0320.

1 lb Bags of Bar Mix under the Great Nut Supply brand with a UPC code 726093 77111 and a Lot/Code of 61147/0260.

26oz Plastic Jars of Bar Mix under the brand Spec's Wines & Fine Foods with a UPC code 000008 03247 and a Lot/Code of 61190/0330 or 210462/0320.

12oz Plastic Tubs of Bar Mix under the brand Rouses Louisiana's Best with a UPC code 015418 00319 and a Lot/Code of 60998/0120.

10oz Plastic Jars of Honey Cheddar Mix under the brand Spec's Wines & Fine Foods with a UPC code 000008 98049 and a Lot/Code of 61183/0330 or 210462/0320.

Consumers or customers who have questions about the above recall may contact GNS Foods toll-free at 800-882-6887 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm CST Monday through Friday. Additional information is available at www.gnsfoods.com

- We believe that none of the products being recalled were processed or offered through the national office.
- We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.
- ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.
- For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

For full details on the recall, please visit: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm203757.htm

If you have questions, please contact William Hellman, Director of Food Safety, at whellman@feedingamerica.org or 312.641.6875.

About Feeding America Recall Notices

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If you or a colleague from a network food bank wish to subscribe or unsubscribe to the recall notification list, please click on 'manage your subscription" at the bottom of this email.

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