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AdvancePierre Foods Recalls Frozen Peanut Butter Products Due to Possible Salmonella Contamination

Juneau, AK. – AdvancePierre Foods is recalling frozen products including peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, peanut butter and jelly graham cracker sandwiches and peanut butter cup products due to possible *Salmonella* contamination. The products contain ingredients recalled by Sunland, Inc. for possible *Salmonella* contamination.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and those 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.

The following products are included in this recall:

- Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (frozen)
- Peanut butter and jelly graham cracker sandwiches (frozen)
- Peanut butter cups (frozen)

The select products subject to this recall were manufactured between the dates of July 17, 2011 through May 18, 2012 and distributed nationwide through retail stores, foods service and convenience stores and the USDA commodity foods programs.

The complete list of products under this recall can be found at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323800.htm?source=govdelivery>.

Alaska DEC has confirmed these products were distributed to Alaska. To date, no illnesses have been reported in Alaska; however, there have been at least 35 reported cases of *Salmonella Bredeney* in 19 states that have been associated with the recalled products manufactured by Sunland, Inc.

Consumers with recalled product are urged not to eat the product. Consumers with questions about the recalled products, including refund information can call AdvancePierre Customer Service at 855-348-8888 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. CST.

For more information on this recall, including a list of all Sunland recalls can be found at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/CORENetwork/ucm320413.htm>.

For information on *Salmonella Bredeney*, visit:

<http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/bredeney-09-12/index.html>.

For more information on recalls affecting Alaskans, visit DEC's website:

<http://www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.html>.

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