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Press Release

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Contact: Ron Klein, Food Safety Program Manager, (907) 269-7583

Malt-O-Meal Unsweetened Puffed Cereals Recalled

DEC warns consumers about risk of Salmonellosis

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is warning consumers to check their pantries for Malt-O-Meal, Acme, America's Choice, Food Club, Giant, Hannaford, Jewel, Laura Lynn, Pathmark, Shaw's, ShopRite, Tops and Wise Quality Unsweetened Puffed Rice and Wheat Cereals in 6, 12 and 16-ounce bags, because of a risk of Salmonellosis. The bags have a 'Best if Used By' date ranging from April 8, 2008, to March 18, 2009. This product was shipped nationwide and has been found in Alaska. There have been no illnesses or injuries reported to date.

Persons with Salmonellosis, a common form of food poisoning, may experience a variety of symptoms and illnesses such as fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, a Salmonella infection can result in more severe illnesses, some potentially life threatening. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact a physician immediately.

Consumers who have purchased any products covered by this recall are urged to discard them or to return them to the place of purchase.

If you have questions about this recall, please contact the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Food Safety and Sanitation Program at 1-87-SAFE-FOOD or 1-877-233-3663 or visit the DEC website at www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/recalls/food_recalls.html. A comprehensive listing of affected products can be found at www.malt-o-meal.com/recallinfo.

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