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Recall -- Firm Press Release

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Mrs. Gerry's Kitchen Press Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 5, 2010 - Mrs. Gerry's Kitchen, Inc. of Albert Lea, MN has been notified by a supplier that a certain seasoning ingredient it supplied to Mrs. Gerry's contains hydrolyzed vegetable protein (HVP) that may be contaminated with Salmonella. Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy people may experience fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea (which may be bloody) and abdominal pain. In rare cases the organism can get into the bloodstream and cause more severe complications including endocarditis, arthritis and arterial infections such as infected aneurysms. For more information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at www.cdc.gov[1]. As a precautionary measure, Mrs. Gerry's is voluntarily recalling a limited number of products.

No illnesses have been reported in connection with these products.

Mrs. Gerry's is recalling the following items sold to retailers and distributors: MN, IA, SD, ND, NE, KS, CO, WI, MI, IL, MO.

UPC	Description	Size / Packaging	Use by Date
17839 79075	Old Fashioned Spinach Dip	12/12 oz. plastic container	1/27 – 4/22/10
17839 79005	Old Fashioned Spinach Dip	2/5 lb. plastic container	1/27 – 4/14/10
70322 00492	Old Home Spinach Dip	12/8 oz. plastic cup	1/27 – 4/22/10

These products should not be eaten. Customers may return them to the place of purchase for a full refund.

No other Mrs. Gerry's Kitchen, Inc. products are affected.

Mrs. Gerry's is notifying the FDA of this voluntary recall. Consumers with questions may contact Mrs. Gerry's Kitchen, Inc.'s Customer Service Department between the hours of 7:30am – 4pm CST Monday through Friday at 1-800-642-9662 or see the FDA website at http://www.fda.gov[2].

- 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/ucm204071.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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