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DOH ADVISES CONSUMERS NOT TO EAT CERTAIN JARS OF PETER PAN PEANUT BUTTER AND/OR GREAT VALUE PEANUT BUTTER

Stores are notified to pull the product from shelves

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) is advising the public to discard or return certain containers of Peter Pan peanut butter or Great Value peanut butter because of a possible risk of *Salmonella* contamination. The affected jars have a product code located on the lid of the jar that begins with the number “2111.”

Laurence Lau, Deputy Director for Environmental Health said, “At this time, the department has received no confirmed reports of illness from the *Salmonella* Tennessee bacteria which is the possible cause of an outbreak in other states. As a precaution, the department has notified all retailers and requested a voluntary recall of the product. Physicians are also reminded to report any cases of illness caused by *Salmonella*.”

Symptoms of foodborne illness caused by *Salmonella* include fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Anyone who has recently eaten Peter Pan or Great Value brand peanut butter beginning with product code 2111 and experienced these symptoms should contact their doctor immediately.

A *Salmonella* outbreak in other states has prompted an investigation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration. The DOH has not yet determined that any of the contaminated products have been shipped to Hawaii and will continue to monitor retailers and illness reports statewide.

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