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**DOH WARNS CONSUMERS NOT TO EAT ROBERT'S AMERICAN
GOURMET BRAND VEGGIE BOOTY AND SUPER VEGGIE TINGS
CRUNCHY CORN STICKS SNACK FOODS**

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Department of Health is warning consumers not to eat Veggie Booty snack food and Super Veggie Tings Crunchy Corn Sticks snack food, which are marketed by Robert's American Gourmet, due to possible contamination with *Salmonella*, a type of bacteria that causes gastrointestinal illness.

Consumers are advised to throw away any Robert's American Gourmet brand Veggie Booty and Super Veggie Tings Crunchy Corn Sticks they have in their home. All codes, package sizes and expiration dates are being recalled and should be discarded.

This warning is based on 54 reports of illness across 17 states. Almost all the illnesses have occurred in children under 10 years old, with the most cases in toddlers. Since the product is often consumed by children, parents are encouraged to watch their children and seek medical care if they observe signs of illness. To date, the DOH has received no reports of illness in Hawaii.

Salmonella typically causes diarrhea (may be bloody); the diarrhea is often accompanied by abdominal cramps and fever. Symptoms typically begin within one to four days after exposure

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to the bacteria. In infants, persons with poor underlying health and those with weakened immune systems, *Salmonella* can invade the bloodstream and cause life-threatening infections.

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with full cooperation with Robert's American Gourmet and its contract manufacturer is currently conducting an investigation into the cause of the contamination.

For further information please go to the FDA website at www.fda.gov.

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