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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-45a3

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Meijer Announces Voluntary Recall of Some Meijer Brand Instant Non-fat Dry Milk Citing Possible Health Risk

Meijer has initiated a voluntary recall of one type of its Meijer Brand Instant Non-fat Dry Milk because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others 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.

Meijer Brand Instant Non-fat Dry Milk was sold in Meijer stores in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. Meijer has removed all identified products from its stores.

The product under recall is Meijer Instant Non-fat Dry Milk, 10 QT Packets, UPC # 00000000-41250-96746-0, with the following two sell-by dates: FEB0911S and FEB1011S. The sell-by date is printed on the top of the box by the opening.

While this Meijer brand product has not been identified as contaminated or linked to any illness, Meijer has received these products from Plainview Milk Products Cooperative in Plainview, Minnesota, which has been verified as a potential source of *Salmonella* - contaminated products.

Meijer requests that customers who have purchased these products destroy the product or return them to any Meijer location for a full refund. If Meijer customers are unsure if they have the recalled product, they are requested to bring in the product for determination or contact the Meijer customer contact center at 800-543-3704 (available 24/7). Consumers with questions or concerns about their health should contact their health care provider. If symptoms are present, please visit a health care provider or go to a hospital emergency room.

"The safety of our customers is always our number one priority," said Frank J. Guglielmi, director of public relations for Meijer. "Meijer has taken these precautionary steps to help protect our customers and will return this product to our stores only once it is safe for our shoppers."

For more information on *Salmonella*, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Website at <http://www.cdc.gov>.