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DATE: March 19, 2013
TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties
RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2013-035

FDA Warns Consumers Not to Eat Certain ProtiDiet High Protein Chocolate Dream Bars Manufactured by Pro-Amino International, Inc., Quebec, Canada Product May Contain Salmonella

Fast Facts

- Pro-Amino International Inc., of Saint-Eustache, Quebec, Canada, is recalling the ProtiDiet High Protein Chocolate Dream Bars described below.
- The recalled product may contain Salmonella.
- Salmonella is a public health risk and is one of the most common causes of foodborne illness. Healthy people infected with Salmonella may experience some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever.
- This product has been distributed in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia. It was also sold via the Internet.
- Consumers should avoid eating the potentially contaminated High Protein Chocolate Dream Bars and discard the product or return it to the point of sale.

What is the Problem?

Pro-Amino International Inc. is recalling protein bars which may contain Salmonella. The product is the ProtiDiet High Protein Chocolate Dream Bar, sold in 210 gram (7.4 oz.) packages, 7 bars per package, bearing UPC 6 21498 42238 1, lot code CR 18 13B, and Best Before date of 2015-08.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) along with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Pro-Amino International are warning people not to consume these high protein bars, which may contain Salmonella.

What are the Symptoms of Illness/Injury?

Salmonella is a public health risk and is one of the most common causes of foodborne illness. Healthy people infected with Salmonella may experience some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever.

Although rare, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments including arterial infections, endocarditis (inflammation of the lining of the heart), arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with the Pro-Amino product subject to this recall should contact their health care provider immediately.

Who is at Risk?

Consumers who have purchased or received the ProtiDiet High Protein Chocolate Dream Bars are at risk. They should not eat this product.

What Do Consumers Need To Do?

Consumers should avoid eating the potentially contaminated High Protein Chocolate Dream Bars and discard the product or return it to the point of sale.

Consumers who think they may have become ill from eating these High Protein Chocolate Dream Bars should consult their health care providers.

Where is it Distributed?

The Canadian-manufactured ProtiDiet High Protein Chocolate Dream Bars were sent to distributors and retail outlets in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia.

It was also available for sale on the Internet.

Have There Been Any Illnesses Reported?

There have been no illnesses reported at this time.

What is Being Done about the Problem?

FDA is monitoring the problem in collaboration with the CFIA and public health agencies in the states where this product was distributed.

Who Should Be Contacted?

For more information, consumers and industry can call the CFIA at 1-800-442-2342/TTY 1-800-465-7735 (8:00 a.m. to 8:00p.m. EST, Monday through Friday). Consumers may also call the Pro-Amino International customer service line at 1-800-555-2170, extension 227.