ConAgra Foods Recalls Frozen Chicken and Beef Products Due to Possible Foreign Matter Contamination

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EDITORS NOTE: This release is being reissued as an expansion of the July 6, 2016, release to include additional products and production

dates. The initial recall included 3,806 pounds of product. This expansion includes an additional 191,791 pounds of product, for a total of

195,597 pounds of product. Details of this release were also updated to reflect a change in distribution area.

WASHINGTON, July 15, 2016 – ConAgra Foods, a Russellville, Ark. establishment, is recalling approximately 195,597 pounds of frozen chicken and beef entrée products that may be contaminated with extraneous materials, specifically metal, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. The metal fragments range in size between 2 and 9 millimeters (mm) in diameter, and are curled, malleable and shiny. The metal fragments may be embedded in the sauce contained within the frozen entrée products.

The frozen chicken and beef entrée items were produced on various dates between May 31, 2016 and June 22, 2016. The following products are subject to recall: [View Labels (PDF Only)]

- 22-oz. plastic bagged meal packages of "P.F. Chang's Home Menu Signature Spicy Chicken" with "Use By" date of 6/08/17 and case code 5006616500.
- 22-oz. plastic bagged meal packages of "P.F. Chang's Home Menu Mongolian Style Beef" with "Use By" date of 6/17/17 and case code 5006617400.
- 22-oz. plastic bagged meal packages of "P.F. Chang's Home Menu Mongolian Style Beef" with "Use By" date of 6/1/17 and case code 5006615800.
- 22-oz. plastic bagged meal packages of "P.F. Chang's Home Menu Beef with Broccoli" with "Use By" date of 6/4/17 and case code 5006616100.
- 22-oz. plastic bagged meal packages of "P.F. Chang's Home Menu Sweet & Sour Chicken" with "Use By" date of 6/3/17 and case code 5006616000.
- 22-oz. plastic bagged meal packages of "P.F. Chang's Home Menu General Chang's Chicken" with "Use By" date of 6/3/17 and case code 5006616000.
- 22-oz. plastic bagged meal packages of "P.F. Chang's Home Menu Garlic Chicken with Dan Dan Noodles" with "Use By" date of 6/8/17 and case code 5006616500.
- 22-oz. plastic bagged meal packages of "P.F. Chang's Home Menu Grilled Chicken Teriyaki with Lo Mein Noodles" with "Use By" date of 6/10/17 and case code 5006616700.
- 22-oz. plastic bagged meal packages of "P.F. Chang's Home Menu Signature Spicy Chicken" with "Use By" date of 5/26/17 and case code 5006615200

The products subject to recall bear establishment number "EST. 233" or "EST. P-115" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to distributors and retail locations nationwide.

The problem was initially discovered on July 1, 2016, when an establishment employee observed metal fragments while dispensing sugar from a supplier for sauce formulation during processing. The resulting sauce is a component in the frozen entrée products. On July 14, 2016, ConAgra Foods was notified by the supplier of an FDA recall involving multiple production lots of sugar due to potential metal contamination. The recall action involved additional lots of sugar potentially used in FSIS regulated products at ConAgra Foods, and resulted in this expansion of the initial recall action.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions or injuries due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a healthcare provider.

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on the FSIS website at www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls.

Consumers with questions about the recall can contact 1-800-252-0634. Members of the media with questions about the recall can contact Kristine Mulford, Manager of Communications, ConAgra Foods, at (312) 549-5522.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov or via smartphone at m.askkaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day. The online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/reportproblem.

USDA Recall Classifications	
Class I	This is a health hazard situation where there is a reasonable probability that the use of the product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or death.
Class II	This is a health hazard situation where there is a remote probability of adverse health consequences from the use of the product.
Class III	This is a situation where the use of the product will not cause adverse health consequences.