

Southeastern Mills, Inc. Announces Recall of Certain Food Ingredients and Food Mixes Due to Possible Health Risk

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Announcement

Rome, GA — Southeastern Mills, Inc. is initiating a voluntary recall of certain quantities of food ingredients and branded food mixes (Southeastern Mills® Biscuit Gravy Mix, Southeastern Mills® Country Biscuit Mix, Southeastern Mills® Buttermilk Drop Biscuit Mix, Southeastern Mills® Easy Drop Cheddar Garlic Drop Biscuit Mix, Shore Lunch® Original Breeding and Shore Lunch® Cajun Style Breeding) because these ingredients and food mixes contain milk or buttermilk powder purchased from Valley Milk Products, Inc. that is potentially contaminated with *Salmonella*. *Salmonella* is one of the most common causes of food poisoning in the United States. This organism 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. *Salmonella* is killed by proper cooking and pasteurization.

The recalled food ingredients are sold by Southeastern Mills to other food manufacturers and further processed into finished foods sold in various food distribution channels. Southeastern Mills is contacting affected customers directly and providing them with complete details of the items impacted. It is noted that the customer may not need to recall if they have a cooking step validated to kill *Salmonella*.

The following branded food mixes are also affected by the recall:

Brand and Product Name	Size	>UPC	Best By Date
Southeastern Mills Biscuit Gravy Mix	4.5 oz.	0-70292-15326-5	6/10/17
			7/12/17
			5/17/17
Southeastern Mills Country Biscuit Mix	6 oz.	0-70292-15157-5	9/28/17
			8/9/17
Southeastern Mills Biscuit Gravy Mix	2.75 oz.	0-70292-16154-3	5/19/17
Southeastern Mills Buttermilk Drop Biscuit Mix	7.4 oz.	0-70292-18356-9	8/16/17
			10/11/17
Southeastern Mills Easy Drop Cheddar Garlic Biscuit Mix	7 oz.	0-70292-17840-4	8/23/17
			8/30/17
			8/8/17
			7/26/17
			8/12/17
Shore Lunch Original Recipe Breeding Mix	9 oz.	0-24739-11000-7	9/2/17
			1/27/18
			2/3/18

			12/27/17
			2/22/18
			1/13/18
			1/20/18
			4/18/18
			1/19/18
			1/28/18
Shore Lunch Cajun Style	9 oz.	0-24739-15000-3	12/15/17
Breading Mix			1/22/18
			12/20/17

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged to discontinue use and return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company by calling 1-800-334-4468, 8 am - 5 pm EST daily or by e-mailing fda@semills.com.

Southeastern Mills takes food safety very seriously. Parties with questions may contact the company at 1-800-334-4468 from 8 am - 5 pm EST daily or fda@semills.com.

*** We believe that none of the products being recalled were processed or offered through the national office.**

* We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.

* ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.

* For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

For full details on the recall, please visit:

http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm534615.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

If you have questions, please contact Wayne Melichar, Food Safety Manager, at wmelichar@feedingamerica.org or 312.629.7263.