



American Citizen Services Unit
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo
Warden Message



TO: Consular Wardens

FROM: ACS Unit

DATE: January 22, 2009

SUBJECT: Possible Salmonella Contamination of Peanut Butter Products

Following is a Warden's Message being transmitted for your information. Please circulate this to your constituents.

This Warden Message alerts U.S. citizens to possible contamination by salmonella of peanut butter products manufactured in the United States. These items may have been distributed internationally. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is conducting an active investigation into the source of the Salmonella outbreak in the United States. At this time, the FDA has traced one likely source to a plant owned by Peanut Corporation of America. This company provides peanut products to food manufacturers in the U.S to be used as an ingredient in many products including cakes, cookies, crackers, candies, cereal and ice cream.

Based on this information, and on the current state of the investigation, the FDA recommends that consumers postpone eating commercially-prepared or manufactured peanut butter-containing products until further information becomes available. The list of products that may be affected is still being determined. However, a list of products known to be implicated at this point can be found on the FDA website <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.HTML>. Persons who think they have become ill from eating peanut butter are advised to consult their health care provider.

The U.S. Embassy will update this warden message if new information becomes available.

American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section of the Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-731-4294; after hours emergency telephone 809-221-2171; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail accsantodom@state.gov; web page www.usemb.gov.do.