

**URGENT: MARS CHOCOLATE NORTH AMERICA ISSUES ALLERGY ALERT FOR SELECT VARIETIES OF COMBOS® FOR POTENTIAL UNDECLARED PEANUT RESIDUE**

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To Mars Chocolate North America Customer:

Today we announced a voluntary recall on certain varieties and limited dates of production of COMBOS® Cheddar Cheese Pretzel, COMBOS® Cheddar Cheese Cracker, COMBOS® Pizzeria Pretzel, COMBOS® Sweet and Salt Caramel Pretzel, COMBOS® Pepperoni Cracker and COMBOS® Buffalo Pretzel.


We have initiated the recall after our supplier, Grain Craft, recalled certain lots of wheat flour that has the potential to contain low levels of peanut residue. The COMBOS® Brand products subject to the recall may have been produced using the recalled flour.

Although no peanut residue has been detected in this product, Mars Chocolate is recalling the specific lot numbers referenced below. While consumers with severe peanut allergies should avoid the recalled products, the FDA has stated that the amount of peanut exposure from the flour is low and not expected to cause adverse health effects in the vast majority of peanut allergic consumers.






To date, Mars Chocolate has received no reports of illness related to the products covered by this recall. No other Mars products are impacted by this recall.

The affected COMBOS® products have a “best before” date ranging from March, 2017 - April, 2017 on the back of the package. Directly underneath the “best before” date is a 10-digit manufacturing code that includes the code date numbers in the table below:

Impacted Lot Numbers:

Item Number	Pictures	Description	UPC	Code Date	Best Before Date
10099128		COMBOS CHEDDAR CHEESE PRETZEL - FAMILY PEG PACK - 6.3 OZ - 12/CA	41419420058	613EAALB01 613EBALB01 613ECALB01 613FAALB01 613FBALB01 614FAALB01 614FBALB01 614FCALB01	3/2017

10099130		COMBOS PIZZERIA PRETZEL - MEDIUM BAG - 6.3 OZ - 12/CA	41419420065	613FBALB01 613FCALB01 613GAALB01 613GBALB01 614DCALB01 614EAALB01 614EBALB01 614ECALB01	4/2017
10099132		COMBOS CHEDDAR CHEESE CRACKER - FAMILY PEG PACK - 6.3 OZ - 12/CA	41419420072	614AAALB01 614ABALB01 614ACALB01 614BAALB01	4/2017
10099135		COMBOS PEPPERONI CRACKER - FAMILY PEG PACK - 6.3 OZ - 12/CA	41419420089	614BAALB01 614BBALB01 614BCALB01 614CAALB01	4/2017
10099141		COMBOS BUFFALO BLUE CHEESE PRETZEL - FAMILY PEG PACK - 6.3 OZ - 12/CA	41419420119	614CAALB01 614CBALB01 614CCALB01 614DAALB01 614DBALB01	4/2017
10109566		COMBOS SNACKS PIZZERIA PRETZEL - 15 OZ - 8/CA	41419780473	613FBALB01 613FCALB01	4/2017
10109569		COMBOS SNACKS CHEDDAR CHEESE PRETZEL - 15 OZ - 8/CA	41419780480	613EAALB01 613EBALB01 614FAALB01 614FBALB01	3/2017
10109577		COMBOS SNACKS CHEDDAR CHEESE CRACKER - 15 OZ - 8/CA	41419780497	614AAALB01 614ABALB01 614ACALB01	4/2017
10117851		COMBOS SWEET AND SALTY CARAMEL CREME PRETZEL - FAMILY PEG PACK - 6.0 OZ - 12/CA	41419780879	613GBALB01 613GCALB01	4/2017
S1317100		COMBOS SNACKS CHEDDAR CHEESE PRETZEL - WAREHOUSE CLUB SINGLES DISPLAY CASE - 1.80 OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA	41419714713	613EAALB01 613EBALB01 613ECALB01	3/1/2017
S1317500		COMBOS SNACKS PIZZERIA PRETZEL - WAREHOUSE CLUB SINGLES DISPLAY CASE - 1.80 OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA	41419714751	613FBALB01 613FCALB01 613GAALB01 614DCALB01	4/1/2017

S4743000		"COMBOS" SNACK BUFFALO BLUE CHEESE PRETZEL - SINGLES - 1.80 OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA	41419474303	614CAALB01 614CBALB01 614CCALB01 614DAALB01	4/1/2017
S7147100		COMBOS SNACKS CHEDDAR CHEESE PRETZEL - SINGLES - 1.80 OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA	41419714713	613ECALB01 613FAALB01 613FBALB01 614FAALB01 614FBALB01 614FCALB01	4/1/2017
S7147300		COMBOS PEPPERONI PIZZA CRACKER - SINGLES - 1.70 OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA	41419714737	614BAALB01 614BBALB01 614BCALB01	4/1/2017
S7147400		COMBOS SNACKS CHEDDAR CHEESE CRACKER - SINGLES - 1.70 OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA	41419714744	614AAALB01 614ABALB01 614ACALB01 614BAALB01	4/1/2017
S7147500		COMBOS PIZZERIA PRETZEL - SINGLES - 1.80 OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA	41419714751	613GAALB01 613GBALB01 614DCALB01 614EAALB01 614EBALB01 614ECALB01	4/1/2017

Immediately examine your inventory and quarantine product subject to recall. In addition, if you may have further distributed this product, please identify your customers and notify them of this product recall. This recall should be carried out to the consumer level.

This recall is being made with the knowledge of the Food and Drug Administration.

If any affected product is found, the product should be removed from store shelf, destroyed and processed through the reclamation number provided by Mars' Account Management team. Additionally, a destruction certificate should be provided back to Mars Quality Assurance for all product destroyed.

Mars Quality Assurance email is [CustomerProductFeedback@effem.com](mailto:CustomerProductFeedback@effem.com) .

Our continued partnership is extremely important to us. We apologize for this incident, and we remain committed to delivering outstanding products and service to you and your organization.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Sutton at Mars Chocolate North America: 908.798.7823

Sincerely,

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