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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCES SAN DIEGO BOTULISM CASE *Possible Association with Recalled Chili Product*

SACRAMENTO – Dr. Mark Horton, director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), today announced that a 51-year-old San Diego County woman has a confirmed case of botulism, a rare illness.

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency and CDPH are investigating whether the woman's illness is associated with Castleberry Food canned products that were recently recalled due to possible contamination with the toxin that causes botulism. The woman reported purchasing and eating one of the products, Kroger Chili with Beans, prior to her illness in early July. She was hospitalized and is now recovering at home.

"The confirmed case of botulism poisoning in San Diego reminds us of the serious health risk posed by this toxin," Horton said. "Californians should remain vigilant about not consuming the recalled products. If you have the recalled product, discard it immediately."

Certain lots of Kroger Chili with Beans, in addition to a number of canned products under different brand names, were voluntarily recalled by Castleberry Food Co. of Augusta, Ga., last week. The recall followed reports of four illnesses of botulism in two states associated with the consumption of Castleberry Hot Dog Chili Sauce. The Kroger Chili with Beans product consumed by the San Diego County woman was thrown away before tests could be performed to determine if it was the definitive cause of the botulism.

Castleberry has recalled all products identified below, regardless of their "Best if Used by Date." The products are included in the recall because they may pose a risk. Recalled product was distributed to California club stores, drug stores, grocery markets, military base commissaries and discount retailers.

The recalled products are:

Brand	Product	Can Size	UPC Barcode
Austex	Beef Stew	15oz	30300 90815
Austex	Chili with Beans	15oz	30300 91015
Austex	Chili with Beans	19oz	30300 92519
Austex	Chili no Beans	15oz	30300 97715
Austex	Chili no Beans	19oz	30300 97719
Austex	Onion Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10oz	30300 97101
Austex	Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10oz	30300 99533
Best Yet	Chili with Beans	15oz	4218740842
Best Yet	Corned Beef Hash	15oz	4217841082
Big Y	Chili with Beans	15oz	18894 80425
Big Y	Chili no Beans	15oz	18894 80424
Big Y	Corned Beef Hash	15oz	18894 80225
Black Rock	Chili with Beans	15oz	30300 01715
Bloom	Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10oz	25439 92448
Bryan	Chili no Beans	10oz	53400 35264
Bryan	Chili no Beans	15oz	53401 30200
Bryan	Chili with Beans	15oz	53400 30205
Bryan	Corned Beef Hash	15oz	53400 30110
Bryan	Hot Dog Chili Sauce with Beef	10oz	53400 30010
Bunker Hill	Chili no Beans	10oz	75266 04112
Bunker Hill	Spicier Chili no Beans	10oz	75266 04224
Bunker Hill	Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10oz	75266 04152
Castleberry's	Barbecue Pork in Barbecue Sauce	10oz	30300 00402
Castleberry's	Barbecue Pork in Barbecue Sauce	14.5oz	30300 00415
Castleberry's	Barbecue Beef	10oz	30300 00602
Castleberry's	Beef Stew	15oz	30300 00815
Castleberry's	Brunswick Beef Stew Chicken & Beef	15oz	30300 00315
Castleberry's	Chili with Beans	15oz	30300 01015
Castleberry's	Chili no Beans	10oz	30300 07701
Castleberry's	Chili no Beans	15oz	30300 07715
Castleberry's	Corned Beef Hash	15oz	30300 00915
Castleberry's	Creamed Chip Beef Gravy	10oz	30300 05150
Castleberry's	Georgia Hash	15oz	30300 00215
Castleberry's	Hot Chili with Beans	15oz	3030007217
Castleberry's	Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10oz	3030007218

Castleberry's	Onion Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10oz	30300 07101
Castleberry's	Sausage Gravy	10oz	30300 05130
Cattle Drive	Beef Stew	15oz	30300 01530
Cattle Drive	Chicken Chili with Beans	15oz	30300 01525
Cattle Drive	Chili no Beans	15oz	30300 01520
Cattle Drive	Chili with Beans	15oz	30300 01515
Firefighters	Chicken Chili with Beans	15oz	73725 00413
Firefighters	Chili with Beans	15oz	73725 00411
Firefighters	Chili no Beans	15oz	73725 00412
Food Club	Corned Beef Hash	15oz	36800 80204
Food Club	Chili with Beans	15oz	36800 80504
Food Club	Chili no Beans	15oz	36800 80404
Food Lion	Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10oz	35826 06911
Goldstar	Original Chili	10oz	24575 00001
Goldstar	Chili	15oz	24575 00005
Goldstar	Tex-Mex Chili with Beans	15oz	24575 00008
Great Value (Canada Only)	Hot Chili with Beans	15oz	81131 79995
Great Value (Canada Only)	Chili with Beans	15oz	81131 79994
Kroger	Chili with Beans	15oz	11110 83930
Kroger	Chili no Beans	15oz	11110 83908
Kroger	Beef Stew	15oz	11110 83928
Kroger	Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10oz	11110 83942
Lowe's Foods	Chili with Beans	15oz	41643 01097
Lowe's Foods	Chili no Beans	15oz	41643 01092
Lowe's Foods	Corned Beef Hash	15oz	41643 01094
Meijer	Chili with Beans	15oz	41250 95221
Meijer	Chili no Beans	15oz	41250 95220
Meijer	Corned Beef Hash	15oz	41250 95229
Meijer	Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10oz	41250 85862
Morton House	Chili With Beans Beef & Chicken	15oz	75266 65829
Morton House	Chili With Beans Beef & Chicken	15oz	75266 65993
Morton House	Corned Beef Hash	15oz	75266 65830
Paramount	Chili with Beans	15oz	75266 00732
Paramount	Chili no Beans	15oz	75266 00731
Paramount	Hot Dog Chili Sauce	15oz	75266 00510
Paramount	Chili Hot Dog Chili	15oz	75266 00526
Piggly Wiggly	Chili no Beans	10oz	41290 37355
Piggly Wiggly	Chili no Beans	15oz	41290 37354

Piggly Wiggly	Chili with Beans	15oz	41290 37252
Piggly Wiggly	Corned Beef Hash	15oz	41290 37357
Prudence	Corned Beef Hash	15oz	41141 00015
Southern Home	Chili no Beans	10oz	38259 48713
Southern Home	Chili no Beans	15oz	07880 15340
Southern Home	Chili with Beans	15oz	07880 15341
Southern Home	Corned Beef Hash	15oz	07880 15359
Steak 'n Shake	Chili with Beans	10oz	51844 00120
Thrifty Maid	Chili with Beans	15oz	21140 21370
Thrifty Maid	Corned Beef Hash	15oz	21140 21375
Thrifty Maid	Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10oz	21140 21367
Triple Bar	Chili no Beans	15oz	30300 05805
Triple Bar	Chili with Beans	15oz	30300 05804
Triple Bar	Chili with Beans Slow Cooked	15oz	30300 05801
Value Time	Beef and Chicken Chili with Beans	15oz	11225 42159

Canned Pet Food Products

Brand	Product	Can Size	UPC Barcode
Natural Balance	Eatables for Dogs Irish Stew With Beef, Potatoes & Carrots	15oz	23633 59860
Natural Balance	Eatables for Dogs Chinese Take Out With Sauce With Vegetables and Chicken	15oz	23633 59861
Natural Balance	Eatables for Dogs HOBO Chili with Chicken & Pasta	15oz	23633 59863
Natural Balance	Eatables for Dogs Southern Style Dumplings With Chicken & Vegetables	15oz	23634 59862

Symptoms of botulism poisoning can begin from six hours to two weeks after eating food that contains the toxin. Symptoms may include blurred vision, drooping eyelids, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing, dry mouth, and muscle weakness that moves progressively down the body, affecting the shoulders first then descending to the upper arms, lower arms, thighs, calves, etc. Botulism poisoning can also cause paralysis of the breathing muscles which can result in death unless assistance with breathing (mechanical ventilation) is provided. Individuals who show these symptoms and who may have recently eaten the recalled products should seek immediate medical attention.

Consumers who purchased any of the recalled products should discard the contents or return them to the place of purchase. Consumers with additional questions should contact the company at 212-453-2202.