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**Environment Department Asks Consumers to Check Homes for Botulism-Tainted Foods
after National Recall of Castleberry Foods**
State Department of Health Confirms Death of Man Hospitalized for Suspected Case of Botulism

(Santa Fe, NM) – The New Mexico Environment Department asks consumers to check for Castleberry’s food and pet products tied to botulism after a man hospitalized for a case of that poisoning died recently. The products are sold under several names, including Kroger, Meijer, Austex, Bloom and Thrifty Maid.

The Department of Health confirmed today that a 52-year-old Sandoval County man who had been hospitalized in Albuquerque for a case of botulism has died. The Department of Health did not confirm that the man’s botulism diagnosis was linked to the recalled food items, but the man had eaten some of the recalled goods in the past and had shopped at a store that sold several recalled canned goods.

“Consumers should make sure Castleberry food and pet food products are no longer in their cabinets or refrigerators,” said New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry. “NMED Food Program Staff has visited stores and other food establishments to remove the products from shelves but we believe the products may still be in consumers’ homes. Botulism poisoning is a serious and potentially deadly illness.”

The recall of food and dog food, manufactured by Castleberry’s Food Company of Augusta, GA., began in July. Those products (See below or link: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/fsbotul.html>) may contain hazardous botulinum toxin, which can be fatal.

The recall is not complete, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. There are reports that these hazardous products may still be on store shelves. Retailers and foodservice should continue to remove and secure recalled products. NMED continues to remove those recalled products during routine inspections. Consumers who have the products should discard them.

Symptoms of botulism poisoning in humans can begin from 6 hours to 2 weeks after eating food that contains the toxin. Symptoms may include double vision, blurred vision, drooping eyelids, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing, 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 one of the Castleberry's products currently under recall should seek immediate medical attention.

If your pet has consumed some of dog food affected and is showing some of those symptoms, contact you pet's veterinarian. If you have any of the canned pet food items in the list discard the product.

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List of Recalled Products

Without Meat

Hot Dog Chili Sauces	SIZE	UPC CODES
Castleberry's Austex Onion Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	30300-97101
Castleberry's Austex Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	30300-99533
Castleberry's Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	30300-00101
Castleberry's Onion Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	30300-07101
Castleberry's Bunker Hill Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	75266-04152
Kroger Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	11110-83942
Meijer Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	41250-85862
Food Lion Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	35826-06911
Bloom Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	25439-92448
Thrifty Maid Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 OZ	21140-21367

With Meat (Contact the [USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline](#) to report a complaint about products with meat)

PRODUCT	SIZE	UPC CODES
Austex Beef Stew	15 oz	3030090815
Austex Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030091015
Austex Chili With Beans	19 oz	3030092519
Austex Chili No Beans	15 oz	3030097715
Austex Chili No Beans	19 oz	3030097719
Best Yet Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	4218741082
Best Yet Chili With Beans	15 oz	4218740842
Big Y Chili No Beans	15 oz	1889480424
Big Y Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	1889480225
Big Y Chili With Beans	15 oz	1889480425
Black Rock Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030001715
Bryan Hot Dog Chili Sauce With Beef	10 oz	5340030010
Bryan Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	5340030110
Bryan Chili No Beans	15 oz	5340030200
Bryan Chili With Beans	15 oz	5340030205

Bryan Chili No Beans	10 oz	5340135264
Bunker Hill Chili No Beans	10 oz	7526604112
Bunker Hill Spicier Chili No Beans	10 oz	7526604224
Castleberry's Brunswick Stew Chicken & Beef	15 oz	3030000315
Castleberry's Barbecue Pork	10 oz	3030000402
Castleberry's Barbecue Pork	14.5 oz	3030000415
Castleberry's Barbecue Beef	10 oz	3030000602
Castleberry's Beef Stew	15 oz	3030000815
Castleberry's Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	3030000915
Castleberry's Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030001015
Castleberry's Sausage Gravy	10 oz	3030005130
Castleberry's Creamed Chip Beef Gravy	10 oz	3030005150
Castleberry's Hot Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030007217
Castleberry's Chili No Beans	10 oz	3030007701
Castleberry's Chili No Beans	15 oz	3030007715
Castleberry's Georgia Hash	15 oz	3030000215
Cattle Drive Beef Stew	15 oz	3030001530
Cattle Drive Chili No Beans	15 oz	3030001520
Cattle Drive Chicken Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030001525
Cattle Drive Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030001515
Firefighters Chicken Chili With Beans	15 oz	7372500413
Firefighters Chili With Beans	15 oz	7372500411
Firefighters Chili No Beans	15 oz	7372500412
Food Club Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	3680080204
Food Club Chili No Beans	15 oz	3680080404
Food Club Chili With Beans	15 oz	3680080504
Goldstar Original Chili	10oz	2457500001
Goldstar Chili	15oz	2457500005
Goldstar Tex-Mex Chili With Beans	15 oz	2457500008
Great Value Chili With Beans	15 oz Canada Distribution Only	8113179994
Great Value Hot Chili With Beans	15 oz Canada Distribution Only	8113179995
Kroger Beef Stew	15oz	1111083928
Kroger Chili With Beans	15 oz	1111083930
Kroger Chili No Beans	15 oz	1111083908
Lowes Foods Chili No Beans	15 oz	4164301092
Lowes Foods Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	4164301094

Lowes Foods Chili With Beans	15 oz	4164301097
Meijer Chili No Beans	15 oz	4125095220
Meijer Chili With Beans	15 oz	4125095221
Meijer Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	4125095229
Morton House Chili With Beans Beef & Chicken	15 oz	7526665851
Morton House Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	7526665830
Paramount Hot Dog Chili Sauce	10 oz	7526600510
Paramount Chili for Hot Dogs	15 oz	7526600526
Paramount Chili No Beans	15 oz	7526600501
Paramount Chili With Beans	15 oz	7526600502
Piggly Wiggly Chili With Beans	15 oz	4129037252
Piggly Wiggly Chili No Beans	15 oz	4129037354
Piggly Wiggly Chili No Beans	10 oz	4129037355
Piggly Wiggly Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	4129037357
Prudence Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	4114100020
Southern Home Chili No Beans	10 oz	3825948713
Southern Home Chili No Beans	15 oz	0788015340
Southern Home Chili With Beans	15 oz	0788015341
Southern Home Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	0788015360
Steak n Shake Chili With Beans	10 oz	5184400120
Thrifty Maid Chili With Beans	15 oz	2114021370
Thrifty Maid Corned Beef Hash	15 oz	2114021375
Triple Bar Ranch Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030005801
Triple Bar Ranch Chili With Beans	15 oz	3030005804
Triple Bar Ranch Chili No Beans	15 oz	3030005805
Value Time Beef and Chicken Chili With Beans	15 oz	1122542159

Pet Food

Natural Balance Eatables dog food varieties:	SIZE	UPC CODES
Irish Stew with Beef Dog Food	15 OZ	23633-59860
Chinese Take Out with Sauce with Vegetables and Chicken Dog Food	15 OZ	23633-59861
Southern Style Dumplings with Gravy with Chicken and Vegetables Dog Food	15 OZ	23633-59862
Hobo Chili with Chicken Pasta Dog Food	15 OZ	23633-59863

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