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Certain Ritz Cracker products recalled due to possible health risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising that Mondelez Global LLC has announced a voluntary recall in the United States of certain Ritz Cracker Sandwiches and Ritz Bits products. These products contain whey powder as an ingredient, which the whey powder supplier has recalled due to the potential presence of *Salmonella*.

The products were distributed nationwide; however there have been no complaints of illness reported to Mondelez Global to date in connection with these products. The company is conducting this recall as a precaution, based on the ingredient supplier's recall.

Salmonella is a microorganism that 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.

This recall is limited exclusively to the products listed <u>here</u>, available at retail stores nationwide. No other Mondelez Global LLC product is included in this recall.

Consumers who have these products should not eat them, and should discard any products they may have. Consumers and media can contact the company at 1-844-366 -1171, 24 hours a day to get more information about the recall, and Consumer Relations specialists are available Monday-Friday, 9am to 6pm EST.