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FROZEN POT PIES LINKED TO ILLNESS IN 30 STATES

The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) is advising consumers not to eat ConAgra frozen pot pies with "P9" in the identification code printed on the box. The pot pies are sold under Banquet and store-brand names, each containing the "P9" identifier.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a federal health alert today advising consumers that the product has been associated with an outbreak of *Salmonella* in approximately 30 states. At this time, the DOH has no reports of *Salmonella* cases in Hawaii associated with this product.

Both the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of USDA and ConAgra, the manufacturer of the pot pies, believe the problem is related to the undercooking of the product by the consumer.

Salmonella typically causes diarrhea (may be bloody); the diarrhea is often accompanied by abdominal cramps and fever. Symptoms typically begin within one to four days after exposure to the bacteria. In infants, persons with poor underlying health and those with weakened immune systems, *Salmonella* can invade the bloodstream and cause life-threatening infections.

For further information please go to the FSIS website at www.fsis.usda.gov

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