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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The previous inspection of this large peanut butter manufacturer on 7/25/2000 was limited to following up on an anonymous Consumer Complaint 1-03038 dated 7/24/2000, which alleged employees' restrooms were insanitary. The inspection found minor deficiencies in restrooms and locker rooms all of which management promised to correct.

The current inspection was prompted by ATL-DO Assignment No. 10136 dated 8/1/00, copy attached as Exhibit 1, which reported 4 ppb Aflatoxin B1 in sample 92179, Peter Pan Crunchy Peanut Butter, Code SO5K1, sampled by New York State Department of Agriculture on June 5, 2000.

Credentials were presented to and the purpose of the visit was explained to Messrs. S. T. (Tom) Camp, Plant Manager, and Michael J. Matis, Quality Control Manager. The FDA-482, Notice of Inspection, was issued to Mr. S. T. Camp, Plant Manager. Mr. Camp directed Mr. Matis to provide accompaniment, answer questions, and to determine if Lot SO5K1, 18 Oz. Peter Pan Crunchy Peanut Butter was available for sampling.

Mr. Matis telephoned the firm's shipping department and requested they check warehouse stocks and shipping records to determine if product from Lot SO5K1, Peter Pan Crunchy Peanut Butter was on hand. I asked if there were other peanut butter products in addition to Peter Pan Crunchy Peanut Butter that had been packed under Lot number SO5K1. Mr. Matis said other products had been made and he was overheard telling the shipping department to check for Product Numbers 45001 Creamy, 45020, 45077, and 45030 under Lot SO5K1.

Mr. Matis said he didn't think product from Lot SO5K1 would be found in their warehouse since the lot in question had been packed on May 18, 2000 during their first shift. Reportedly, lots were normally shipped within (b)(4) after entering storage.

I asked Mr. Matis how many cases of 18 OZ. plastic jars of Peter Pan Crunchy Peanut Butter had been packed under Lot SO5K1. He replied (b)(4) cases of 12/18 oz. jars. Shortly afterward, Mr. Matis received a telephone call. He said the shipping department reported all product packed under Lot SO5K1 had been shipped. I asked Mr. Matis for copies of the firm's shipping records for Lot SO5K1 and he reported he would have to telephone his corporate office to see if he could provide them. He left the room and returned a short time later and reported FDA would have to provide a written request to their Legal Counsel Mr. (b)(4) (b)(4) specifying the information being requested.

I asked to review the firm's production records for Lot SO5K1 and Mr. Matis said corporate policy prohibited such a review unless a written request was provided. I asked

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Mr. Matis to identify the products produced under Product Numbers 45001 Creamy, 45020, 45077, and 45030. He remarked that I had overheard them in his conversation with the shipping department but he refused to identify the products citing corporate policy. Mr. Matis said he would not be able to provide any other information unless FDA provided the firm a written request. At that point, the inspection was terminated.

### EXHIBITS

1. HFR-NE350's 7/18/2000 Memo, "Sample 92179 - "Positive" for Aflatoxin B1, ATL-DO Assignment No. 10136 dated 8/1/200
2. Copy of Analyst Worksheets Sample 92179
3. Copy of Product Label

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