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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2018-146

Duncan Hines Classic White, Classic Butter Golden, Signature Confetti and Classic Yellow Cake Mixes Recalled Due to Potential Presence of Salmonella

CHICAGO – Conagra Brands is collaborating with health officials in connection with a positive finding of *Salmonella* in a retail sample of Duncan Hines Classic White cake mix that may be linked to a *Salmonella* outbreak that is currently being investigated by CDC and FDA. While it has not been definitively concluded that this product is linked to the outbreak and the investigation is still ongoing, Conagra has decided to voluntarily recall the specific Duncan Hines variety identified (Classic White) and three other varieties (Classic Butter Golden, Signature Confetti and Classic Yellow) made during the same time period out of an abundance of caution.

Five occurrences of illnesses due to *Salmonella* are being researched by CDC and FDA as part of this investigation. *Salmonella* is an organism which 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.

Several of the individuals reported consuming a cake mix at some point prior to becoming ill, and some may have also consumed these products raw and not baked. Consumers are reminded not to consume any raw batter. Cake mixes and batter can be made with ingredients such as eggs or flour which can carry risks of bacteria that are rendered harmless by baking, frying or boiling. Consumers are reminded to wash their hands, work surfaces, and utensils thoroughly after contact with raw batter products, to follow baking instructions, and to never eat raw batter.

The products covered by this recall were distributed for retail sale in the U.S. and limited international exports; the specific product information is listed below. No other Duncan Hines products or Conagra Brands' products are impacted by this recall.

| Product Description & Brand | Product UPC | Best If Used By Date (located on top of box) |
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| Duncan Hines Classic White Cake 15.25oz. | 644209307500 | MAR 7 2019 MAR 8 2019 MAR 9 2019 MAR 10 2019 MAR 12 2019 MAR 13 2019 |

| Product Description & Brand | Product UPC | Best If Used By Date (located on top of box) |
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| Duncan Hines Classic Yellow Cake 15.25oz. | 644209307494 | MAR 9 2019 MAR 10 2019 MAR 12 2019 MAR 13 2019 |
| Duncan Hines Classic Butter Golden Cake 15.25oz. | 644209307593 | MAR 7 2019 MAR 8 2019 MAR 9 2019 |
| Duncan Hines Signature Confetti Cake 15.25oz. | 644209414550 | MAR 12 2019 MAR 13 2019 |

Consumers who have purchased these items are advised not to consume them and to return them to the store where originally purchased. Conagra Brands is cooperating with the FDA on this recall and is working with customers to ensure the packages are removed from store shelves and are no longer distributed. Consumers with questions should call our Consumer Care team at 1-888-299-7646, open 9 am through 5 pm EST, Monday through Friday or visit www.duncanhines.com.