

Media Statement

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At Sonic, taking care of our customers is our No. 1 priority. With more than 3,200 drive-ins in the U.S., Sonic values the special relationship we share with our customers. Sonic is committed to serving only the highest quality products and providing the best customer service.

In mid-February, ConAgra Foods, the supplier that produces Peter Pan peanut butter, and is the supplier which provides peanut butter topping to approximately 1,300 drive-ins in the Sonic system, expanded its Class I recall to include all foodservice and retail peanut butter products. The recall includes Sonic, and is associated with a Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) report that Peter Pan peanut butter products are linked to an outbreak of the foodborne illness, salmonella.

As a precautionary matter, the FDA is now requesting that customers who may have Sonic products in their freezers containing peanut butter topping (e.g. peanut butter shakes and sundaes, or peanut butter fudge shakes and sundaes) dispose of these items. The Sonic products that contain peanut butter topping are single-serve items and are intended to be eaten immediately.

It is important to note:

- The FDA has not found salmonella in the peanut butter topping that was used by Sonic.
- The FDA has no indication that anyone has become sick from the peanut butter topping that was used in Sonic products.
- We have no indication at this time that Sonic customers are or were exposed to any unsafe product.

Upon notification of the expanded recall, Sonic's Quality Assurance team immediately took the necessary steps to remove the recalled peanut butter product from the drive-ins that were impacted. Drive-in employees disposed of the product, and submitted documentation that confirms they have received the recall notice and taken the appropriate action. That documentation is sent to Sonic's Quality Assurance department.

Until a replacement product is available, those drive-ins with peanut butter-infused shakes or sundaes on the menu will discontinue serving those items.

We at Sonic are proud of our tradition of providing customers with safe, high quality food and friendly Carhop service, and look forward to serving our customers for many years to come.