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American Peanut Council Responds to FDA Findings

APC condemns apparent breach of food safety regulations by manufacturer

1/27/2009, Alexandria, VA – The American Peanut Council (APC) today expressed its shock and dismay at findings that report the Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) knowingly released a product with potential salmonella contamination into the food supply, as released by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

“The findings of the FDA report can only be seen as a clear and unconscionable action of one irresponsible manufacturer, which stands alone in an industry that strives to follow the most stringent food safety standards,” said Patrick Archer, President of the American Peanut Council. “The American peanut industry’s top priority is the health and safety of consumers. While we will of course wait for the full report tomorrow, this apparent failure to follow food safety regulations must be condemned in the strongest possible terms.”

The APC will review the report thoroughly and continue working closely with regulators in identifying any necessary measures to prevent similar actions by any manufacturer in the future.

The American Peanut Council is a voluntary private trade association that represents all segments of the American peanut industry.

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