



ABC Bakers - Interbake Foods
Statement on Peanut Butter
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The peanut butter used in the cookies ABC Bakers – Interbake Foods bakes for Girl Scouting does NOT come from Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). PCA is the only peanut butter manufacturer linked by the FDA to the salmonella contamination. The FDA's suggestion that consumers avoid all peanut butter products for the time being reflects the fact that many consumers do not know the source of the peanut butter in the products they consume. However, ABC Bakers – Interbake Foods can assure the volunteers, parents, girls and customers of the Girl Scout Councils that work with us that the peanut butter in our cookies is not linked to the salmonella contamination. The two peanut butter cookies made by ABC for Girl Scouting are Peanut Butter Patties and Peanut Butter Sandwiches.

The FDA has audited our supplier, Hampton Farms, in the past week. The FDA has informed Hampton Farms that the audit revealed no issues. The samples taken showed no contamination and the records supported Hampton Farms' reports that they have neither shipped to nor received peanut butter from PCA.

If consumers have concerns, they can freeze or refrigerate the ABC Girl Scout peanut butter cookies they purchase until the FDA has definitively identified the specific products to be avoided. That should be done soon, at which time consumers can enjoy the delicious Girl Scout peanut butter cookies that are so popular all across the country.