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## **Mars Snackfood US Products Not Impacted By FDA Salmonella Investigation in Peanut Butter Products**

Hackettstown, NJ – January 18, 2009 – Mars Snackfood US today issued the following statement in reaction to the ongoing FDA investigation into peanut butter:

“Mars Snackfood US remains confident in the safety and quality of our products that contain peanut butter, all of which are safe to enjoy. Mars does not receive or process any peanuts or peanut butter from Peanut Corporation of America or King Nut, the companies that, according to FDA's most recent update on its investigation, appear to be the source of contaminated product. In addition, we have not been asked by the FDA to recall any products in relation to the current investigation into salmonella.

At Mars, the majority of our products are manufactured using our own peanut butter made from our own roasted peanuts.

Food safety is of paramount importance to Mars, and we are committed to the highest standards of quality and safety. At Mars, we maintain a strict quality control program to ensure that our products leave our factories exceeding our high standards. Consumers can continue to have confidence in the quality of all Mars Snackfood US products.”

The following Mars Snackfood US products contain peanut butter, none of which is sourced from the companies being investigated by the FDA:

- M&M'S® Peanut Butter Chocolate Candies
- SNICKERS® Brand
- SNICKERS® Brand Ice Cream
- TWIX® Peanut Butter Cookie Bars
- KUDOS® Peanut Butter Granola Bars
- Ethel M Chocolates® and ethel's® chocolate lounge

About Mars Snackfood US:

Mars Snackfood US is the United States snack operations of Mars North America. With more than \$7 billion in annual sales in the U.S., Mars North America includes food, snack and petcare segments, which are a symbol of excellence for quality brands. Headquartered in Mount Olive, New Jersey, Mars North America employs more than 15,000 associates in the United States, with 72 facilities nationwide. Mars Snackfood US includes some of the world's favorite brands such as, M&M'S® Brand, SNICKERS® Brand, DOVE® Chocolate Brand, MILKY WAY® Brand, 3 MUSKETEERS® Brand, TWIX® Brand. Additional popular brands in the petcare and food segments for Mars North America include UNCLE BEN'S® Brand, PEDIGREE® Brand Food for Dogs, and WHISKAS® Brand Food for Cats. Please visit [mars.com](http://mars.com).

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