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To THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF FOOD SAFETY & CORRECT LABEL INFO

This is about the safety of seals that are placed on certain foods.

Example: Peanut Butter--

The seal is often foil-very tight around the rim of the jar-

To get it off a person has to take a knife and cut it off of the top of the rim of the jar.

This is O.K. for the average person--

But how about an older person and anyone with poor eye sight or poor coordination? Or a younger careless person..

It is very hard to get all the foil off of the rim of the jar and at the same time keeping ~~the~~ little bits of the foil from dropping into the peanut butter---or if the foil is not scraped off of the rim of the jar--when using the peanut butter it is too easy to drop bits of the foil into the peanut butter...

It is very difficult for me to do and I can see that it would be very easy to drop bits of the foil into the peanut butter if the person has poor eyesight, poor coordination or is a young careless person....

I have noted that some products have a tab on the edge of the seal.. The seal and the tab are efficient enough to lift **T** off the whole seal by just pulling on the tab--leaving ~~no~~ no bits and ~~pieces~~ pieces...

I think this type of tab and seal should be required ~~for~~ for all seals.

I cannot think it is healthy for a person to accidentally eat small bits of foil--which can happen in the circumstances I described.

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Of course this applies to other foods besides peanut butter...

Another thing about peanut butter--mislabelling--

The labels often say--Dry Roasted Peanuts, Salt (or not)

While in fact added peanut oil is part of the ingredients..

The amount of peanut oil added is often excessive and makes the peanut butter runny...

I feel these labels are misleading the consumer...

I feel the amount of added peanut oil should be included in the label.

I know peanut oil is added because at the health food store I have bought just ground peanuts--and that does not have even close to the amount of peanut oil that is in most peanut butter--commercial or at health food stores..

Another label I feel is misleading by omission....

~~Tea~~ Tea Bags and perhaps instant coffee and coffee bags....

I believe added coloring is added and it is not on the label..

I ^{MAY} ~~am~~ be wrong, but I do not think just plain tea or coffee would develop such strong color so fast if coloring was not added...

AS I say, I may be wrong, but it does not seem to me the strong color would naturally develop so fast without added coloring....

If added coloring is added, I think it should be on the label...

1/ because of the added ingredient

2/ because it leads the consumer to believe that the product is stronger...

Please excuse the typing--I was never a typist...

Sincerely,

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