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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-02a64

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Betty Lou's Inc. Expands Nationwide Recall of Nut Butter Peanut Butter Protein Balls Because of Possible Health Risk

Betty Lou's Inc. of McMinnville, Oregon is expanding their current recall of Betty Lou's Nut Butter Peanut Butter Protein Balls because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The additional balls were manufactured using peanut products recalled by Peanut Corporation of America. *Salmonella* is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more serious illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Betty Lou's Nut Butter Peanut Butter Protein Balls were distributed nationally through retail health food stores, wholesalers and direct to customer sales.

All Nut Butter Peanut Butter Protein Balls distributed from January 1, 2007 to February 16, 2009 and with BEST BY 29AUG09 and prior, are involved in this recall.

All current and future production runs of Betty Lou's Nut Butter Peanut Butter Balls will be made using a new nut supplier not affected by this recall. New product will have a BEST BY date of **BEST BY 20SEP09** and later.

The balls are packaged in 1.7 oz. packaged balls, 40 or 70-count plastic jars, and 18-count printed cardboard boxes. Product labels include "Betty Lou's Nut Butter PEANUT BUTTER BALLS"

UPC Coding

Individual packages: 0 16073 52143 4 -- 40-count jars: 0 16073 52123 6

70-count jars: 0 16073 52103 8 -- 18 count boxes: 0 16073 52113 7

No known illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this product. The recall was initiated after it was determined that the peanuts used to coat the balls were manufactured by Peanut Corporation of America. Betty Lou's Inc. has informed the FDA of its actions and is fully cooperating with the Agency.

Consumers who have purchased Betty Lou's Peanut Butter Protein Balls with the BEST BY date code of 29AUG09 and prior are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Betty Lou's Inc. at 1-800-242-5205, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (PST).