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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) 2009-02a66

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US Nutrition, Inc. Conducts Nationwide Recall Of Met-Rx Protein Plus Chocolate Roasted Peanut Bars With Caramel Due to Possible Health Risk

U.S. Nutrition announces a voluntary recall of Met-Rx Protein Plus Chocolate Roasted Peanut with Caramel Bars because the products involved contain peanuts which are subject to the expanded recall of products produced by Peanut Corporation of America's (PCA) Plainview, Texas facility. This PCA facility is the subject of an investigation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) concerning a recent Salmonella outbreak.

Salmonella is an organism that 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 severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on *Salmonella*, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Website at <http://www.cdc.gov>

All lots with expiration dates of **January 1, 2010** and earlier are affected by this recall.

Product No.	UPC Code	Size	Best By	Lot Number
1651	86560-01651	3 oz. (85 g) bar	January 1, 2010 and earlier	All
45829	86560-01652	12 x 3 oz. (85 g) bars per box	January 1, 2010 and earlier	All
15125	86560-15125	1.76 oz. (50 g) bar	January 1, 2010 and earlier	All
15126	86560-15126	12 x 1.76 oz. (50 g) bars per box	January 1, 2010 and earlier	All

These products have been sold nationwide through distributors, retailers, and directly to customers through internet sales.

U.S. Nutrition has not received any reports of consumer illness complaints regarding these products.

The products listed above should not be consumed, but rather returned to the retail store for a refund or exchange. Consumers with questions should contact the company at 1-800-556-3879, Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm EST.