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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) 2009-22a13

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Harry and David Recalls a Pistachio Nut Candy, Mendiants, Due to the Pistachio Nut Recall by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc.

Harry and David, of Medford, Oregon, is voluntarily recalling three Harry & David products, a Mendiament Assortment, a Capiz Chocolate Tower containing Mendiants, and Fruit and Nut Mendiants. These products contain pistachios. The pistachios may be part of the recall by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. due to contamination with *Salmonella*.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail and 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 web-site at www.cdc.gov.

The Mendiants are flat pieces of chocolate candy with fruit and nut pieces on top. Affected products are in the following items:

Mail Order Products distributed throughout the United States beginning October 2008.

Mendiament Assortment – A 9 oz. box of 15 candies containing an assortment of 3 mendiament flavors. Each piece is individually wrapped in plastic. The dark chocolate and white chocolate flavors contain pistachios. The lot codes of affected products start with: 0229M, 2818M, 3048M and 3518M. These lot codes are printed on the plastic wrapper covering the base of the box of candy. UPC 7 8099430755 1 The Mendiament Assortment also was distributed to two recipients in Canada.

Capiz Chocolate Tower – A gift tower consisting of three wooden boxes with lacquered shells on the lids: The top box contains an assortment of 10 caramel and nut candies. Pistachios are in the one dark chocolate pistachio cluster candy in the assortment, but these candies are not affected by the recall. The middle box contains 16 candies containing an assortment of mendiament flavors. Each piece is individually wrapped in plastic. The dark chocolate (5 each) and white chocolate (5 each) flavors contain pistachios. The bottom box contains an assortment of chocolate candies. These candies do not contain pistachios. All lots are being recalled.

Harry and David Store Products distributed exclusively in Harry and David Stores in the United States.

Fruit and Nut Mendiants – A 9 oz. box of 15 candies containing an assortment of 3 mendiament flavors. Each piece is individually wrapped in plastic. The dark chocolate and white chocolate flavors contain pistachios. The lot codes of affected products start with: 0229M, 0289M and 0299M. These lot codes are printed on the plastic wrapper covering the base of the box of candy.

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There have been no illnesses or injuries reported to date affiliated with these products. Anyone concerned about an illness/injury should contact a physician immediately. Harry and David has informed FDA of its actions and is fully cooperating with the Agency.

Consumers with any of these products may return them to Harry and David for a full refund. Store products may be returned to Harry and David Stores. Mail order customers should call the Customer Service line listed below. Consumers with questions about the recalled product may phone the Harry and David Customer Service division at 800-233-1101, 24 hours a day.

Contact for regulatory officials: Charlene Harwood, Food Safety Manager, 541-864-2928.