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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) 2009-22a39

Date: April 13, 2009

Albanese Confectionery Group, Inc. Conducts Nationwide Recall Of Pistachio Products Made With Setton Pistachios Because Of Possible Risk To Health

Albanese Confectionery Group, Inc. of Merrillville, Indiana manufactures nut products which contain pistachios supplied by Setton Pistachio and also distributes pistachio products purchased from Setton Pistachio. Albanese is voluntarily recalling their products containing pistachios because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, 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 severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The pistachio products were sold and distributed by Albanese Confectionery Group, Inc. nationwide, through email orders, phone orders and faxed orders.

The products under recall are labeled as follows:

Shelled Pistachios R/S, net wt. 25 lbs., Albanese Confectionery Group, Merrillville, IN (no UPC code). [note: R/S means roasted and salted]

Shelled Pistachios R/NS, net wt. 25 lbs., Albanese Confectionery Group, Merrillville, IN (no UPC code). [note: R/NS means roasted, no salt]

Deluxe Mix Nuts salt, net wt. 30 lbs., Albanese Confectionery Group, Merrillville, IN (no UPC code).

Deluxe Mix Nuts, R&NS, net wt. 30 lbs., Albanese Confectionery Group, Merrillville, IN (no UPC code).

Any Albanese shipping boxes containing bulk bags of shelled raw pistachios; large red pistachios, roasted and salted and/or naturally roasted and salted pistachios.

The lot codes under recall are lot 8246 through 9098.

No illnesses have been reported to us to date. Albanese Confectionery Group, Inc. became aware of the recall by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, California through recent press releases.

Consumers should quarantine the product until further notice. Consumers with questions may call us at 219-942-1877, M-F 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT.