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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-45a1

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Precision Foods Inc. Recalls Madagascar Vanilla Cocoa Because of Possible Health Risk

Precision Foods Inc., of St. Louis, Missouri, is recalling certain Madagascar Vanilla cocoa as a precaution given that the potential exists that the product may be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The company is conducting this voluntary recall because of a notification Precision Foods received from two of its suppliers, AMFOTEK and Plainview Milk Products Co-op, regarding Plainview's Instant Non-Fat Dry Milk recall. Although the product has not been found to contain *Salmonella* and no illnesses have been reported to date, as a precaution, production and distribution of the product has been suspended while the FDA and the company continue their investigations into the suppliers' issues.

The cocoa product that is the subject of this voluntary recall is labeled as Land O Lakes International Drinking Cocoa "Madagascar Vanilla". The product is packed in 12.5 ounce foil bags marked with "Best By 09/04/10" or "Best By 11/05/10" in the lower right hand corner of the rear panel of the package. The UPC is 8 78326 00071 0. This is the only product involved in this recall.

The product was distributed nationally in retail stores and through mail orders.

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 severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Consumers who have purchased the Madagascar Vanilla cocoa are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers who want additional information may call 1-877-585-2365.