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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2012-126

Sugar Flowers Plus Inc Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Egg White in Cake Decors Pastillage (gumpaste) Flowers

December 7, 2012 - **Sugar Flowers Plus Inc** of **Glendale, CA** is recalling **Cake Decors Pastillage (gumpaste) Flowers** because of the undeclared use of egg white wash as a “glue” for the inner petals of flowers. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to **egg whites** run the risk of life threatening allergic reaction, anaphylaxis, that requires immediate medical care if they consume the entire product. The following symptoms may also occur:

- Skin reactions, such as or eczema
- Allergic conjunctivitis (itchy, red, watery eyes)
- Gastrointestinal reactions, such as nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting or diarrhea.
- Airway symptoms, such as asthma, wheezing, coughing, or runny nose.
- Angioedema (swelling of lips, tongue, or face)

Cake Decors Pastillage (gum paste) flowers have been distributed to **Hobby Lobby Stores** and by direct online sale through company website, www.cakedecors.com. Some or all Hobby Lobby Locations may carry our Pastillage (gumpaste) line in the following states: AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, ID, IL, IA, KS, KY, MD, MI, MS, MO, MT, NY, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NC, ND, OH, OK, OH, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WI, WY between the dates of March 2004 – November 2012.

A recall is being issued after a recent mild allergic reaction was reported to the Food and Drug Administration in regards to Cake Decors Pastillage (gumpaste) Line that has been on the market since 2002. Consumer complained of itchy (tickling) in throat after consuming a small portion of outer petal of Pastillage (gumpaste) Rose - Pink. Stomach cramps were also reported after benadryl was taken for initial symptoms. Consumer was not taken in for medical care as the symptoms alleviated after a short period of time. No medical records were reported or confirmed that that symptoms were due to consumption of product; however egg white wash is used within the product as an adhesive to the inner two petals of the flower but not an ingredient within the Pastillage (gumpaste) dough itself to form the rose.

Cake Decors Pastillage (gumpaste) are packaged in a white and blue box with a center cut out to show the product. Product is contained within a clear plastic clam shell. Each box contains 4 flowers, 2 inches in size, one style and color per box. Information on the reported item is as follows:

Rose – Pink UPC code: 8 38437 00003 0

UPC Codes for other flowers within the Cake Decors Pastillage (gumpaste) line below:

Rose - Yellow	8 38437 00001 6
Rose - Red	8 38437 00002 3
Rose - Pink	8 38437 00003 0
Rose - Blue	8 38437 00004 7
Cymbidium - W/M	8 38437 00010 8
Cattleya - W/P	8 38437 00011 5
Gladiolus - A/W	8 38437 00012 2
Gladiolus - P/BUR	8 38437 00013 9

Concerned consumers of Cake Decors Pastillage (gumpaste) Flowers are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers who have purchased items online or have any questions and/or concerns may contact us on our toll free number:

1-800-972-2935 Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm PST or email us at sugarflowersplus@gmail.com