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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2012-092a4

Justin's Announces a Voluntary Limited Recall of Certain Lots of Classic Peanut Butter 16oz Jars and Honey Peanut Butter 1.15oz and .5oz Squeeze Packs Due to Possible Health Risk

September 26, 2012 - Justin's announced a voluntary recall of certain lots of its Classic Peanut Butter 16oz jars and Honey Peanut Butter 1.15oz and .5oz single-serve squeeze packs (see associated Best By dates below). This voluntary recall is in response to Sunland Inc. voluntarily recalling nut butter products. For more information on the Sunland recall, please see the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's website (www.fda.gov¹) or read Sunland's official statement at:

<http://www.sunlandinc.com/788/html/pdfs/SunlandRecall.pdf>

The below lots of Justin's Classic Peanut Butter 16oz jars and Honey Peanut Butter 1.15oz and .5oz single-serve squeeze packs are being voluntarily recalled because peanuts used in the production of these identified products have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and those 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.

No Justin's almond butter, hazelnut butter, peanut butter cups or candy bars are involved in this recall. These products were manufactured using nuts not sourced from Sunland Inc.

Justin's was just notified by our contract manufacturer, Fresca Foods, Inc. located in Louisville, CO that Sunland peanuts were used in production of certain peanut butter products in the past, therefore Justin's is voluntarily participating in the recall.

The products were distributed nationally to numerous supermarket chains and were available for purchase on the internet from 7/14/12 to 9/26/12.

The specifics of the affected products are as follows:

UPC	Product Description	Package Size	Best By Dates
855188003004	Classic Peanut Butter Jars	16oz	08-07-13
855188003042	Honey Peanut Butter Squeeze Packs	1.15oz	07-24-13, 07-25-13
894455000391	Honey Peanut Butter .5oz Squeeze Pack	.5oz	.07-14-13, 08-10-13, 08-13-13, 08-14-13, 08-15-13

Best By dates can be located for the jars to the left of the UPC code, and for the squeeze packs on the back, top seal.

Sunland reports that between June 11, 2012 and September 2, 2012, twenty-nine people reported Salmonella Bredeney PFGE matching illnesses in approximately 18 states, including Washington, California, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Virginia, Connecticut, New Jersey and Maryland.

Consumers who purchased these items are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. They can bring in a receipt in place of product and discard the product at home. Retailers should destroy all corresponding products with the above lot information.

Anyone with questions may contact the company at 303-449-9559 or comments@justinsnutbutter.com, or visit www.justinsnutbutter.com. Phone lines are staffed from 9-5pm MST Monday through Friday.