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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2012-092a3

Harry and David, LLC Issues Voluntary Recall of Harry & David Brand Crunchy Almond and Peanut Butter, Creamy Banana Peanut Spread, Creamy Raspberry Peanut Spread, and Related Products Due to Potential Health Risk.

September 27, 2012 - Harry and David, LLC is taking the precautionary measure of voluntarily recalling its 12 oz. jars of Harry & David® Crunchy Almond and Peanut Butter, Harry & David® Creamy Banana Peanut Spread, and Harry & David® Creamy Raspberry Peanut Spread with "Best By" dates of 01MAY13 through 24SEPT13, as well as the following multi-component food items which included the above-named peanut butter products as components: Harry & David® Apple Snack Box, Wolferman's® Bee Sweet Gift Basket, Wolferman's® Hearty Snack Gift Basket, Wolferman's® All-Day Assortment Gift Basket, and Wolferman's® Father's Day Basket. The "Best By" date is located on the upper part of the peanut butter product jar near the lid. The recalled peanut butter products were produced by Sunland, Inc.

This voluntary recall was initiated by Harry and David, LLC upon learning that Sunland, Inc. had recalled products, including the above-named Harry & David brand peanut butter products, manufactured between May 1, 2012 and September 24, 2012, due to possible *Salmonella* contamination. *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 believe they have contracted a *Salmonella* infection should contact a healthcare provider.

Products subject to this recall were sold nationwide through Harry & David and Wolferman's catalogs and websites, as well as through Harry & David stores, between May 1, 2012 and September 25, 2012. Individual jars of the recalled peanut butter products sold through Harry & David stores have UPC numbers of 8099473871, 8099473872, or 8099473873 printed on the Bar Code. The recalled multi-component food items have lot code numbers of 1212M through 2372M, 1212H through 2372H, or 1212C through 2372C.

This recall is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). **To date, there have been no illnesses or injuries reported in connection with the Harry & David brand recalled products, and no other Harry & David products are being recalled at this time.**

Consumers with recalled product are urged not to eat the product, and to dispose of it or return it to any Harry & David retail store for a full refund. Consumers with questions about the recalled products may phone the Harry & David Customer Service division at 800-233-1101, 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. PDT.