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DATE: May 13, 2013

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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2013-055

**Krinos Foods, LLC. is Expanding its April 28, 2013 Recall to Include Additional
Expiration Dates Jan 01-2014 to Jun 08-2014 of Tahini Products Because of Possible
Health Risk**

May 9, 2013 - Krinos Foods, LLC. of Long Island City, New York is voluntarily recalling its TAHINI sesame paste, because it has 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 Tahini product was distributed nationwide through retail stores.

The TAHINI sesame paste product is sold in 1 LB glass jars, 2 LB glass jars and in 40 LB plastic pails. The UPC codes for the following products: 1 LB jar is 0-75013-28500-3, 2 LB jar is 0-75013-28510-2 and 40 LB pail 0-75013-04018-3. The recalled lots have a code stamped on the lid between "EXP JAN 01 – 2014 up to and including EXP JUN 08 – 2014" and "EXP OCT 16 – 2014" up to and including "EXP MAR 15 – 2015".

To Krinos's knowledge, no illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this recall.

The potential for contamination was noted after the Michigan Department of Agriculture conducted routine testing on a sample of the product in a retail store and advised Krinos of the positive test results. Krinos has ceased distribution of the product as FDA, the Michigan Department of Agriculture, and the company, continue their investigation as to what caused the problem.

Consumers who have purchased the recalled product are urged to discard the product and return the gold cap stamped with the following dates: "EXP JAN 01 – 2014 up to and including EXP JUN 08 – 2014" and EXP OCT 16 – 2014" up to and including "EXP MAR 15 – 2015. Provide proof of purchase for a full refund to: Krinos Foods LLC 4700 Northern Blvd. Long Island City, NY 11101

If consumers do not have a proof of purchase, Krinos will reimburse them \$8.00 per jar plus \$.50 for postage.

Consumers with questions may contact the company at (718) 729-9000 between 8:30am and 4:30pm EST.