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**DATE:** June 11, 2014

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

**RE:** Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2014-073

**Olde Thompson Inc. Issues a Voluntary Recall of Kirkland Signature Coarse Ground Malabar Pepper 12.7 oz Plastic Jars Due to Possible *Salmonella* Risk**

June 6, 2014 - Olde Thompson Inc. Oxnard, CA is recalling to the consumer level Kirkland Signature Coarse Ground Malabar Pepper 12.7 OZ Plastic Jars with a **Best Before date of 03/2017 and Lot #: OT 065099, OT 065169, OT 065254, OT 065255, OT 065256, and OT 065284**, due to possible contamination by *Salmonella*. This recall is being undertaken with the knowledge of the FDA.

*Salmonella* is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea, 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.

The recalled product is identified and distributed as follows:

**Kirkland Signature Coarse Ground Malabar Pepper 12.7 OZ Plastic Jars UPC code: 096619164998**

**Sold exclusively at Costco Wholesale Club nationwide between April 4, 2014 and June 4, 2014**

The recall affects 5,153 cases of recalling Kirkland Signature Coarse Ground Malabar Pepper 12.7 OZ Plastic Jars with a **Best Before date of 03/2017 and Lot #: OT 065099, OT 065169, OT 065254, OT 065255, OT 065256, and OT 065284** located below the back label.

The bacterium was discovered during routine FDA sampling of consumer products.

If you have the recalled product, please do not consume it. Please dispose of the recalled product and its container.

Customers who have purchased these products and have any questions should contact an Olde Thompson Customer Care Representative at **1-844-568-5555** between the hours of 8:30AM and 8:00PM CST.