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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2015-147

The Sweet Leaf Tea Company Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Tea in Glass Bottles

December 10, 2015 - The Sweet Leaf Tea Company announced today that it is voluntarily recalling Sweet Leaf® Tea in 16 ounce glass bottles out of an abundance of caution because of the possible presence of glass fragments. This was the result of glass breakage during the filling process. Consumers could potentially be cut or injured if ingested. The company has received 4 complaints of glass in the product. No injuries were reported.

The voluntary recall is limited to specific production codes of Sweet Leaf® Tea, as follows, which were distributed between February 27, 2015 and December 6, 2015. Only 16 ounce glass bottles are affected, and only those listed below:

Sweet Leaf 16 ounce glass product only	Manufacture Code	Manufacture Date	Best By Date	Bottle Label UPC	Case UPC
Sweet Leaf Tea Raspberry	022615057WC402	2/26/15	6/30/16	6-51538-06703-6	6-51538-06803-3
	042315113WC402	4/23/15	8/31/16		
	042415114WC402	4/24/15	8/31/16		
	060415155WC402	6/5/15	10/31/16		
Sweet Leaf Half and Half Lemonade Tea	022715058WC402	2/27/15	6/30/16	6-51538-06708-1	6-51538-06808-8
	042315113WC402	4/23/15	8/31/16		
	060315154WC402	6/3/15	10/31/16		
Sweet Leaf Tea Original	022615057WC402	2/26/15	6/30/16	6-51538-06700-5	6-51538-06800-2
	042514115WC402	4/25/15	8/31/16		
	042415114WC402	4/24/15	8/31/16		
	060315154WC402	6/3/15	10/31/16		
Sweet Leaf Tea Green	022715058WC402	2/27/15	6/30/16	6-51538-	6-51538-
	042415114WC402	4/24/15	8/31/16		

Sweet Leaf 16 ounce glass product only	Manufacture Code	Manufacture Date	Best By Date	Bottle Label UPC	Case UPC
Tea w/Citrus	060415155WC402	6/4/15	10/31/16	06720-3	06820-0
Sweet leaf Tea Peach	022615057WC402 042315113WC402 060415155WC402	2/26/15 4/23/15 6/4/15	6/30/16 8/31/16 10/31/16	6-51538-06704-3	6-51538-06804-0
Sweet Leaf Tea Mint & Honey	022715058WC402 042415114WC402 060415155WC402	2/27/15 4/24/15 6/4/15	6/30/16 8/31/16 10/31/16	6-51538-06701-2	6-51538-06801-9

In order to determine the manufacturing date and best by date of a bottle, consumers are advised to look for the manufacturing code on the shoulder of a bottle or on the shipping case, as seen below:

First Line

042415 – Production Date Code: mmddyy (e.g. April 24, 2015)

114 – Julian Date Code

WC40 – Factory Code

2 – Bottling Line Identification Code

Second Line

15:19 – Military Time

BB 08/31/16 – Best Before date mm/dd/yy (e.g. August 31, 2016)

The Sweet Leaf Tea Company is committed to ensuring the quality and safety of all of its products. All recalled products are being removed from store shelves. Consumers who have any of the glass products with the affected date codes should not drink the product, can contact the Sweet Leaf toll-free number 1-877-832-5323 Monday through Friday 8am - 8pm EST for replacement product, or return the product to the store of purchase for a refund.

This recall is being conducted with the knowledge of and in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.