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DATE: April 8, 2015

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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2015-47a

Blue Bell Creameries Expands Recall of Products Produced in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma Due to Possible Health Risk

Blue Bell Creameries is expanding its recall of products that were produced in the Broken Arrow, Okla., plant to include Banana Pudding Ice Cream pints which tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*, and additional products manufactured on the same line. These items have the potential to be harmful to young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria monocytogenes* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The products being recalled are distributed to retail outlets, including food service accounts, convenience stores and supermarkets in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wyoming.

No illnesses have been confirmed to date.

On April 3, 2015, Blue Bell Creameries voluntarily suspended operations at its Broken Arrow, Okla., plant to thoroughly inspect the facility due to a 3oz. institutional/food service chocolate cup that tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes* and was immediately withdrawn from all outlets. That product was only available to Blue Bell's food service and institutional accounts and was recalled along with 3oz. vanilla and strawberry institutional/food service cups.

On April 4, 2015, out of an abundance of caution, Blue Bell began working with retail outlets to remove all products produced in Broken Arrow, Okla., from their service area. These products are identified with a code date ending in O, P, Q, R, S or T located on the bottom of the carton and they are a part of the voluntary market withdrawal.

On April 7, 2015, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration notified Blue Bell that the Banana Pudding Ice Cream pint tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*. This pint was produced in the Broken Arrow, Okla., plant on February 12, 2015. Subsequently Blue Bell is recalling all products made on that one particular production line, from February 12, 2015 – March 27, 2015. These products were produced on that same line and have a code date ending in either S or T.

Recalled products produced in Oklahoma are identified by the code date on the bottom of the carton.

Ice Cream Pints: UPC # 071899-05101 5	Code Date
Ice Cream Banana Pudding pint	021217S
Ice Cream Butter Crunch pint	021917S
Ice Cream Mint Chocolate Chip pint	022017S
Ice Cream Cookies 'n Cream pint	030317S, 030617S
Ice Cream Homemade Vanilla pint	030417S
Ice Cream Dutch Chocolate pint	032317S
Ice Cream Moo-llennium Crunch pint	032417S, 032517S

Sherbet Pint: UPC # 0 71899-19990 8	
Rainbow Sherbet pint	021717S, 021817S, 022317S, 030217S

Sherbet Quarts: UPC # 0 71899-18992 3	
Orange Sherbet quart	032617S
Mixed Berry Sherbet quart	032717S

3 ounce Tab Lid Cup: Product # 136 *Institutional / food service cup only	
Rainbow Sherbet	022417S, 022617S, 022717S

Gold Rim Half Gallon: UPC # 0 71899-03720 0	
Ice Cream Homemade Vanilla half gallon	030917T, 031017T, 031117T, 031217T, 031717T, 031717T, 031817T

Brown Rim Half Gallon: UPC # 0 71899-83548 6	
Ice Cream Pistachio Almond half gallon	031317T

Light Half Gallon: UPC # 0 71899-73501 4	
Ice Cream Homemade Vanilla Light half gallon	031917T

Consumers who have purchased these items are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. **For more information consumers with questions may call 979-836-7977, Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. CST or go to bluebell.com**