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DATE: February 5, 2016
TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties
RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-15

BJ's Wholesale Club Announces Recall of Deli Meats Due to Undeclared Pistachios in Product

February 5, 2016 - BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc., is voluntarily issuing a recall of Citterio Mortadella and deli meats sold from January 20 through February 3, 2016 due to a possible exposure to a tree nut allergen (pistachio). People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to pistachios run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products.

The Citterio Mortadella is being recalled because it may contain undeclared pistachios. Deli meats that may have come in contact with the same equipment as the Citterio Mortadella are also being recalled. See attached list of affected deli meats. These sliced deli meats are sold in individual service bags.

The recalled deli meats were sold at BJ's locations in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

No illnesses have been reported to date.

The recall is being conducted because during the January 20, 2016 – February 3, 2016 timeframe, BJ's mistakenly received Citterio Mortadella containing pistachios. BJ's deli labels did not list pistachios as an ingredient. Since the Mortadella with pistachios may have been sliced on equipment where other deli meats were sliced, BJ's is conducting a voluntary recall of all deli meats purchased during the dates shown above. Deli cheeses are sliced on separate equipment and, as such, are not subject to this voluntary recall.

BJ's is coordinating closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and has taken precautionary steps, including removing all potentially-impacted products from its delis and disinfecting the deli equipment and surfaces.

Members that purchased the recalled products and have an allergy to pistachio nuts, are asked to please throw away the Citterio Mortadella and any other deli meats purchased during January 20, 2016 – February 3, 2016. If you do not have an allergy to pistachio nuts, then you do not need to throw out the Citterio Mordatella or other deli meats as they are safe to eat.

Members can visit their local BJ's with their receipt for a refund. If a Member does not have their receipt, a BJ's Team Member at their local Club can look it up.

If Members have any additional questions, please contact BJ's Member Care Department at 800-896-0847 during the hours of 9 AM to 7 PM EST Monday – Friday, 9 AM to 6 PM EST Saturday, and 12 PM to 6 PM EST Sunday.