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DATE: December 13, 2016

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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-162a

Brand Castle, LLC Recalls Limited Quantities of 16oz. Boxes of In The Mix® Monkey Bread Mix Due to Possible Salmonella Contamination.

Brand Castle, LLC of Bedford Heights, Ohio is voluntarily recalling limited quantities of our In The Mix® Monkey Bread Mix because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

This product is being recalled because an ingredient supplier (Valley Milk Products LLC) has issued a recall for the buttermilk powder used in this product due to the potential for contamination by *Salmonella* organisms found in their facility and finished product samples during an FDA investigation. Although no pathogenic bacteria have been found in the powdered products supplied to our blending facility by the ingredient manufacturer, we have decided out of an abundance of caution to recall product produced with the affected lots of buttermilk powder.

Salmonella is an organism that 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.

Affected product was sold to a single retailer in the following states: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, IA, IN, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI. 168 cases of product (i.e., 1008 units) are affected by this recall.

The product has a UPC code of 8-44527-03278-2 and is packaged in a 16oz box with a sticker on the back of the package indicating the below Lot#/Date Code.

To date, there have been no reported illnesses and no *Salmonella* has been found in the recalled lots of buttermilk powder used in our product. This voluntary recall is being conducted with the knowledge of the US Food and Drug Administration.

If consumers have any of the below listed product, they must discontinue use and discard product immediately.

The product being recalled includes:

Product Name	Brand	Size	Lot #	UPC#	Best By Date
Monkey Bread Mix	In The Mix®	16oz	29JUN18BC6202	8--44527--03278--2	June 29,2018

Consumers who have purchased this product may return it to the retailer for a full refund, discard the product, or reach out to Brand Castle, LLC with proof of purchase for a full refund. Consumers who have questions should contact Brand Castle, LLC at 216-292-7700, ext.211 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:30 pm EST or email at marla.fleischer@brandcastle.com. For additional information, media should contact Brand Castle President, Jimmy Zeilinger at 216-364-0580 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:30 pm EST.