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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-19

International Foodsource, LLC Issues a Voluntary Recall of Various Raw Pistachios Products Due to Possible Salmonella Risk

February 12, 2016 - International Foodsource, LLC Issues a Voluntary Recall of Various Raw Pistachios Products due to Possible Salmonella Risk. 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 can 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.

The products were distributed to food service and retail stores nationally.

The affected products can be identified by:

Product	IFS Lot Number	Weight	Best by Date	UPC
Bulk Raw Whole Pistachio 80% VP	76114 (Sam International Lot# 102914)	30 LBS Boxes	4/29/16	N/A
Valued Naturals Raw Pistachio Kernels	79249	5 oz Bags	08/10/16	790429241428
IFS Club Bag Pistachio Raw Shelled 80% Wholes	78634	3 LBS Bags	7/16/16	790429243026
IFS Web Bulk Pistachio - Shelled 80% Whole	78998	30 LBS Boxes	07/30/16	790429239630

There are no reported illnesses in connection with this product.

This was brought to our attention by FDA after their contract testing laboratory analysis revealed the presence of Salmonella in one of the 19 retail 5oz bags of Valued Naturals Raw Pistachio Kernels, Lot 79249. As a precaution, additional products are being recalled as they may be contaminated since they were packed from the master lot that came to our facility. We are working closely with FDA to determine the cause of this situation.

Consumers who have purchased this recalled product should not consume it. They should return it to the point of purchase. Consumers with questions should call Customer Service at 973-361-7044, 8:15 am – 4:30 pm, EST, Monday through Friday.