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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-60a22

SunOpta Announces Second Expansion of Voluntarily Recall on Market District Pre-Packaged Bulk Sunflower Seeds Sold at Select Giant Eagle and Market District Stores

June 7, 2016 - CLEVELAND – Giant Eagle supplier SunOpta has notified the retailer of a second expansion of the previously reported product recall on its sunflower seeds sold in the bulk section of three northeast Ohio Giant Eagle, Inc. stores due to possible *Listeria monocytogenes* (Listeria) contamination.

The affected product was sold in the bulk foods sections of the Rocky River Giant Eagle, and the Portage Crossing and Strongsville Market District locations with a PLU of 65167. The additional recalled product was available for purchase at these locations both loose within the bulk bin through June 1, 2016, and in pre-packaged containers with sell by dates through December 1, 2016. There are no confirmed illnesses to date associated with this recall.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in 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 infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Customers who have purchased the affected product should dispose of it or return it to their local Market District. Customers may also bring in the qualifying receipt to receive a refund on their purchase of the affected product. Customers with questions may call Giant Eagle Customer Care at 1-800-553-2324 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET.

In addition to this public communication regarding this recall, Giant Eagle initiated its consumer recall telephone notification process. The consumer recall process uses purchase data and consumer telephone numbers housed in the Giant Eagle Advantage Card® database to alert those households that purchased the affected product and have updated telephone contact information in the database.