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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-02yyyyyy

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Madelaine Chocolate Novelties, Inc. Voluntarily Recalls All Panned Chocolate Items Containing Whole Peanuts Because Of Possible Health Risk

On January 28, 2009, the Peanut Corporation of America (PCA), which is the subject of an investigation by the FDA into a *Salmonella* outbreak at its Blakely, Georgia facility, expanded its initial voluntary recall to include whole, dry roasted peanuts purchased from PCA from January 1, 2007 through the date of the PCA recall in 2009. In the wake of PCA's expanded recall, Madelaine Chocolate Novelties, Inc. of **Rockaway Beach, New York** is voluntarily recalling all lots of all panned chocolate items containing whole peanuts purchased from PCA since January 1, 2007 because the products have a potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

Salmonella is an organism which 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.

The items subject to this recall all contain whole, roasted peanuts covered in chocolate, including bridge mix containing chocolate covered peanuts. The chocolate may be milk, dark, milk no sugar added or dark no sugar added. The items can be in any packaging configuration from bulk to retail packages. In some cases, consumers may have purchased recalled items from a retailer selling those items under a private label.

Madelaine distributes its products primarily through wholesalers and distributors throughout the United States and in foreign markets including Mexico, Canada, Europe, and Asia under the Madelaine brand as well as under a number of private labels.

The specific items affected by the recall, all of which would have been purchased between January 1, 2007 and February 3, 2009, are as follows:

PRODUCT NO.	UPC CODE	DESCRIPTION
7103	1005274507103 3	07103-BRIDGE MIX 10 LBS
7104	1000060951054 2	07104-NSA MILK CHOC PEANUTS 10 LBS
F5100	1000060951000 6	CHOCOLATE PEANUTS 10 LBS
F5100GOR	No UPC Code	CHOCOLATE PEANUTS 10 LBS
F5100HM	1000060951000 6	HAMILTON CHOC PEANUTS 25 LBS

PRODUCT NO.	UPC CODE	DESCRIPTION
F5100U	1000060951000 6	CHOCOLATE PEANUTS-ULTRA 10 LBS
F5101	1000060951010 5	DARK CHOCOLATE PEANUTS 10 LBS
F5104	1000060951040 2	NSA-MILK CHOC PEANUTS 10 LBS
F59940	1000060959940 7	NSA-BRIDGE MIX 10 LBS
F59943	1000060959943 1	8 OZ.NSA-BRIDGE MIX GIFT BAG
F59945	1000060959945 5	3 OZ.NSA BRIDGE MIX SNACK BOX
F5999	1000060959990 2	PREMIUM BRIDGE MIX 10 LBS
F59991	1000060959991 2	12 OZ.PREMIUM BRIDGE MIX G/BOX
F59993	1000060959993 6	8 OZ.PREMIUM BRIDGE MIX BAG
F59995	1000060959995 0	3 OZ.PREMIUM BRIDGE MIX-SNACK
F5999ART	No UPC Code	2 LB. BRIDGE MIX
F5999MF	1000060959990 2	HAMILTON BRIDGE MIX 25 LBS
F5999SPU	1000060959990 2	BRIDGE MIX/25 LBS-ULTRA 25 LBS
F5999U	1000060959990 2	BRIDGE MIX-ULTRA 10 LBS

This recall does not include any Madelaine items filled with peanut butter as we receive our peanut butter from sources other than PCA nor does it include any other of Madelaine's products.

New product manufactured from peanuts from a new vendor will carry a key date that will be AFTER 069C, which represents February 4, 2009, the sixth week of the year 2009, the third day of the week.

Madelaine tests lot samples of all its products for *Salmonella*, including all its peanut products, and none of the peanut products affected by this recall has tested positive for *Salmonella*. No illnesses have been reported to date.

Madelaine is working closely with the National Confectioners' Association to respond to developments in the wake of PCA's expanded recall.

Consumers who have purchased the recalled products are urged to destroy them. Consumers with questions may contact Madelaine at 1-800-322-1505 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time.