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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) 2009-22a9

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Fritz Company Inc. Announces a Nationwide Voluntary Recall Because of Possible Health Risk

Newport, MN – Fritz Company Inc. is voluntarily recalling the following item because it has the potential to be contaminated with salmonella:

Fritzie Fresh Natural Pistachios -- 4.0 oz Bags UPC 076056 09460

The only packages concerned have date codes of 08361.

The date code is shown on the back of the bag adjacent to the UPC code.

These products were shipped to retail locations in MN, WI, IA, MO, ND, SD, MT.

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. For more information on Salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Website at <http://www.cdc.gov>.

Fritz Company Inc. initiated the voluntary recall because this product used pistachios sourced from Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc., who voluntarily recalled certain pistachio products on March 31, 2009.

Consumers who have purchased the recalled products should return them to the store where they were purchased for a full refund.

Fritz Company Inc. has not received any consumer illness complaints associated with its products. However, it is taking precautionary steps, including removing the impacted products from retail store shelves and the entire distribution system.

Consumers with additional questions may call 800-328-1652.