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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) 2009-22a20

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Instore Distributors Inc. DBA 21st Century Snack Foods Inc. Conducts Nationwide Recall Of Its Pistachio Products Because Of Possible Health Risk

Ronkonkoma, NY -- InStore Distributors Inc. d/b/a **21st Century Snack Foods Inc.** of Ronkonkoma, NY is voluntarily recalling various products containing pistachios because the pistachio nuts contained in them have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. This recall action is being taken as a precaution to the nationwide recall by Setton Pistachio.

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.

These recalled items were distributed nationwide through retail stores. All items are packaged in clear, re-closeable containers (tubs) and have **expiration dates between 8/15/2009 - 3/31/2010**. The following products and UPC codes are being recalled as follows:

- Pistachio Nuts Salted (round tubs), 7.5 oz., UPC codes 30603-30103 and 30603-11103
- Pistachio Nuts No Salt (round tubs), 7.5 oz., UPC codes 30603-30203 and 30603-21103
- Pistachio Nuts Salted (square tubs), 12 oz., UPC codes 30603-30303 and 30603-10303
- Pistachio Nuts No Salt (square tubs), 12 oz., UPC codes 30603-30303 and 30603-10303
- Large Nut Platter Assortment, 1LB 12 oz., UPC code 30603-00359
- Small Nut Platter Assortment, 15 oz., UPC code 30603-00368
- Pistachio Nuts Salt & Unsalted (square tubs) (Kosher For Passover), 8 oz., UPC code 30603-00503
- Mixed Nuts Salt & Unsalted (square tubs) (Kosher For Passover) 10 oz., UPC code 30603-00415
- Large Nut Platter, 2 LBS (Kosher For Passover), 2 LBS, UPC code 30603-00381

No illnesses have been reported to date.

Consumers who have purchased any of the above products are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 631-588-8000, Monday through Friday 9 am to 4 pm EDT.