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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) 2009-45a18

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Fireside Coffee Co. Recalls Chai Tea Affected by Plainview Milk Product Recall

Fireside Coffee Co. Swartz Creek, MI is recalling all Fireside Chai Tea that contains dry milk produced by Plainview Milk Products after June 2007. Plainview Milk Products of Plainview, MN has recalled its instant non-fat dry milk because of potential *Salmonella* contamination. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

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 Fireside Coffee Co. Chai Tea affected by this recall was distributed nationwide in retail stores, through mail orders and at art fairs. The Chai tea under recall comes in the following four flavors: Spiced, Chocolate, Vanilla and Decaf Vanilla. All four flavors come in a variety of package sizes including a 12oz. box, a 1 lb. sampling bag, 5 lb. bulk packages and single serving packets. The lot number is printed on the bag for each package size and only the following lot numbers are included:

VANILLA CHAI

1LB SAMPLING BAG: D81732157/58/33
12OZ BOX: (UPC: 7-61167-60522-3) A82432157, B827132156/57, D80932156/57, E8022133/58/32, J831VCHAI32155, L804VCHAI32154, A916VCHAI32216
5LB BAG: C81432158, D81732157/58/33, J831VCHAI32155, A929VCHAI32216
SINGLE SERVE PACKET: (UPC: 7-61167-30522-2) 8311/31255, 8312/31255/35, 8312/31255/3

DECAF VANILLA CHAI

12OZ BOX: (UPC: 7-61167-61508-6) A916DVCH32215
SINGLE SERVE PACKET: (UPC: 7-61167-31508-5) 8311/32129/205

CHOCOLATE CHAI

1LB SAMPLING BAG: A83132163/37/38, B801132137/63/38, D83032141/40, A930CHOCOCHAI32160
12OZ BOX: (UPC: 7-61167-60523-0) A80432162, A81132141/62, A82432137/63, A83132163/37/38, D80932138/63, D82432162/63/38/41, J830CHOCOCHAI32209/139, K812CHOCOCHAI32209/161, L804CHOCOCHAI32160, B917CHOCOCHAI32160/59
5LB BAG: A82432137/63, J814CHOCOCHAI32159, K812CHOCOCHAI32209/161, A929CHOCOCHAI32160
SINGLE SERVE PACKET: (UPC: 7-61167-30523-9) 8215/32209/08

SPICED CHAI

1LB SAMPLING BAG: L70432148/49, B80632148/52/53, D81132150, D83032145, A930SPICEDCHAI32219

12OZ BOX: (UPC: 7-61167-60524-7) A80332147, A81132148, A82432148/47, B80632148/52/53, B80832152/51, B81332151, D81032151/50, J824SPICEDCHAI32207, J830SPICEDCHAI32207/06, J831SPICEDCHAI32206, K810SPICEDCHAI32146/207, K811SPICEDCHAI32146/47/207, K819SPICEDCHAI32147, A908SPICEDCHAI32220

5LB BAG: K72732149, A80732149, A82432148/47, B80632148/52/53, F81932147, K811SPICEDCHAI32146/47/207, A908SPICEDCHAI32220

SINGLE SERVE PACKET: (UPC: 7-61167-30524-6)8312/32206

Consumers who have purchased Fireside Chai Tea with one of the lot numbers listed above should not consume the product and may call 800-344-5282 (M-F from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.) to discuss how to return the recalled tea.