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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) 2009-72

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Nutkao Urgent Food Recall Due to Undeclared Peanuts

International Bazaar Inc. a Dayton, Ohio firm is voluntarily recalling a single lot of "Kroger Hazelnut Spread", packed in Italy by Nutkao S.r.L. The product has a March 2011 sell by date, is packaged in a plastic jar, contains 13 ounces of product and has a UPC code 11110-87825. Consumers who have an allergy to peanuts may run the risk of a serious allergic reaction if they consume product containing such ingredients.

The recall applies only to the "Kroger Hazelnut Spread" with a "Sell By March 2011" date code. Approximately 65 cases were distributed to Kroger stores in as many as 16 states (Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia).

Nutkao received a complaint from 2 consumers in France that had an allergic reaction after consuming product from the same batch that was distributed under a different label. Testing revealed the product was found to contain trace amounts of peanuts. The Company has not received any reports of illness or allergic reactions caused by consuming Kroger Hazelnut Spread and has issued this recall as a precautionary measure. Consumers who are not allergic to peanuts face no safety risk.

Consumers who have purchased Kroger Hazelnut Spread with a sell by date of March 2011 may return it to any Kroger store for a refund. Consumers with questions may contact Jim Uryga at 937278-3533 ext 102 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday.