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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2018-144

Barcelona Nut Company Recalls Roasted and Salted in Shell Pistachios Because of Possible Health Risk

Barcelona Nut Company of Baltimore, Maryland is recalling 239 cases of roasted and salted in shell pistachios, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism that 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 roasted and salted in shell pistachios were distributed in Washington D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, California, Virginia, Ohio, New Jersey, and Georgia through retail stores and direct delivery. The pistachios are Barcelona Nut Company brand, packaged in Red White and Blue window plastic film, and come in sizes:

- 2.75 oz., UPC 030239130001 with expiration date 9/18/2019
- 2.25 oz., UPC 030239149034 with expiration date 9/17/2019 and 10/9/2019
- 1.50 oz., UPC 030239591154 with expiration date 10/9/2019 and 9/17/2019
- 1.25 oz., UPC 030239991060 with expiration date 10/8/2019
- 1 oz. Green plastic film package pictured UPC 030239510148 with expiration dates 10/4/2019 and 10/10/2019.

No illnesses have been reported to date.

Barcelona Nut Company's processor and supplier, ARO, voluntarily initiated the recall after a separate and unaffiliated manufacturer, performed a routine test which revealed salmonella. Since Barcelona Nut Company received product from the same lot, it is necessary to take precautions. Barcelona Nut Company has ceased the production and distribution of this particular lot of roasted and salted in shell pistachios as the FDA and the companies involved continue their investigation.

Consumers with questions, or who have purchased Barcelona Nut Company pistachios with the included code dates are urged to contact Michelle Ocheltree at michelleo@barcelonanut.com or 443.552.5366 or 443.552.5364 to receive a paid postage envelope to return the product to Barcelona Nut Company and full refund.