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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2018-163

**Inspired Organics Issues Voluntary Recall of Organic Almond Butter Due to Potential Health Risk**

Inspired Organics, LLC has issued a voluntary recall of Organic Almond Butter due to potential contamination of *Listeria monocytogenes*. *Listeria monocytogenes* is an organism, which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The product was distributed exclusively by Lipari Foods, LLC in Warren, Michigan to food service and retail stores throughout Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

The affected product can be identified by:

Brand	Product	Lipari Item #	Size	Best By Date	Lot #	UPC
Inspired Organics	Organic Almond Butter	967067	16oz	02/20	239	863669742540

This was brought to our attention after product testing initiated by Inspired Organics LLC returned positive test results for *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination. Inspired Organics initiated this testing out of an abundance of caution following a previous recall of a similar product which had also tested positive for contamination of *Listeria monocytogenes* through testing conducted by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). We are working closely with the manufacturer, MDARD, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to understand the cause of the situation and ensure that all affected product has been pulled from commerce. No illnesses have been reported to date.

Lipari Foods began shipping the product on October 31, 2018.

Consumers who have purchased these recalled products should not consume them. Consumers should discard the products or return them to the point of purchase. Consumers with questions should call Customer Service at 800-729-3354, 8:15 am – 4:30 pm, EST, Monday through Friday.