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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2019-173

Peekay International Inc., Expands the Recall For Undeclared Sulfites In "Swan Dried Apricot" And "Keshav Dry Apricot"

Peekay International Inc. 56 12 56th Street, Maspeth, NY is recalling its 7 ounce and 14 ounce packages of "SWAN DRY APRICOT" and "KESHAV DRY APRICOT" food treats because they contained undeclared sulfites. Consumers who have severe sensitivity to sulfites run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reactions if they consume this product.

The recalled "SWAN DRY APRICOT" and "KESHAV DRY APRICOT" were distributed nationwide in retail stores and through mail orders. The products come in a 7 ounce, clear plastic package and 14 ounce, clear plastic package. The UPC code for the "KESHAV DRY APRICOT" 7 ounce package is 4386423302 and the UPC code for the 14 ounce package is 4386423303. The UPC code for the "SWAN DRY APRICOT" 7 ounce package is 4386413302 and the UPC code for the 14 ounce package is 4386413303.

No illnesses or allergic reactions involving this product have been reported to date.

The recall was initiated after routine sampling by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Food Inspectors and subsequent analysis by Food Laboratory personnel revealed the presence of sulfites in the 14 ounce packages of "KESHAV DRY APRICOT" which were not declared on the label. The consumption of 10 milligrams of sulfites per serving has been reported to elicit severe reactions in some asthmatics. Anaphylactic shock could occur in certain sulfite sensitive individuals upon ingesting 10 milligrams or more of sulfites. Analysis of the "KESHAV DRY APRICOT" revealed they contained 109 milligrams per serving.

Consumers who have purchased the 7 ounce or 14 ounce packages of "SWAN DRY APRICOT" and/or "KESHAV DRY APRICOT" are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Swati Narsinghani at 718-784-4776.