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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) 2009-22a22

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**IFS Announces A Nationwide Recall Of Pistachios Due To Possible Salmonella Contamination**

Dover, NJ - International Foodsource in cooperation with FDA is voluntarily recalling certain pistachio products because they may have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. International Foodsource initiated the voluntary recall in response to the expanded recall by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. The FDA and other regulatory agencies have been investigating Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. due to the potential contamination with the *Salmonella* organism. The FDA has advised that pistachios produced by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. from crop year 2008 are subject to recall.

*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. For more information on *Salmonella*, please visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Website at <http://www.cdc.gov>

The following products below are subject to this recall, all packed under the Valued Naturals Brand:

**Roasted Salted Pistachios (Pistachios in shell R/S)**

**UPC code 790429 21368 ~ 10 oz plastic bag**

**UPC code 790429 22903 ~ 8 oz plastic bag**

**Best buy dates through 12/22/09**

Instructions for disposition of recalled products:

Retail products, consumers should return them to the place of purchase or destroy them.

Store level; please destroy immediately.

Distribution Center; quarantine for pick up by International Foodsource.

As always food safety is of paramount importance to International Foodsource. International Foodsource will continue to manufacture high quality products while making the health and safety of the consumer our number one priority. Consumers with questions regarding this recall may contact International Foodsource at 973-361-7044 ext. 2017, Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM EST.