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DATE: December 19, 2016
TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties
RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-162a5

Houdini Inc. Recalls Blue Cheese Savory Twists, 7 Oz Box Because of Possible Health Risk

December 16, 2016 - Houdini Inc. of Fullerton, California is recalling limited quantities of Blue Cheese Savory Twists, 7 oz box after the FDA found traces of *Salmonella* at the manufacturing facility of the ingredient supplier for the powdered buttermilk used to make the Blue Cheese seasoning in these products. Although no pathogenic bacteria have been found in the powdered products supplied to our Savory Twist supplier by the ingredient manufacturer, nor in any of the Blue Cheese Savory Twists themselves, we have decided out of an abundance of caution to recall products produced from the specific lots purchased from this ingredient supplier.

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.

A limited quantity of products was distributed nationwide to consumers through Houdini Inc.'s direct to consumer division Wine Country Gift Baskets (catalog / internet) and Houdini Inc's wholesale division.

Affected product includes the following details:

| <u>Gift Basket Name:</u> | <u>Lot code number:</u> |
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| Wine Country Gift Baskets: | |
| Wine Trio | LC448865 |
| Napa & Sonoma Valley Exclusive | LC449695 |

| <u>Gift Basket Name:</u> | <u>Lot code number:</u> |
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| Bodega de San Antonio Sangria Tradicional | LC446420 |
| California Cabernet and Chardonnay Gift | LC451463 |
| Cakebread Cellars Napa Valley Duet | LC450020 |
| Placeholder Six Bottle WOM Wines Collection | LC448789 |
| The Ultimate Wine and Champagne Collection | LC448866 |
| Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Collection | LC449703 |
| The Classic | LC444761, LC446625, LC446626, LC451389 |
| Lasting Impression | LC447394, LC452566 |
| Wine Country Extravaganza | LC445632 |
| Grgich Hills Napa Valley Selection | LC444483 |
| <u>Gift Basket Name:</u> | <u>Lot code number:</u> |
| Vintners Path Merlot Season's Greetings | LC444763 |
| Stag's Leap Winery Collection | LC449624 |
| Vintners Path Cabernet Season's Greetings | LC445181 |

| <u>Gift Basket Name:</u> | <u>Lot code number:</u> |
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| Houdini Napa Valley Collection | LC445631 |
| Vintners Path Chardonnay Season's Greetings | LC444766 |
| Alfasi Cabernet Kosher Selection | LC444152 |
| Alfasi Kosher Trio | LC446250 |
| Alfasi Chardonnay Kosher Selection | LC444153 |
| Napa and Sonoma Duet | LC448370 |
| California Wine Crate | LC450022 |
| The Classic | LC451792, LC454676 |
| TJX Companies: | |
| Metal Basket with Handles | LC449614 |
| Metal Basket with Leather Handles | LC446548, LC446549, LC446550 |
| Sam's Club: | |
| The Executive | LC442525, LC442751, LC443675 |

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| Costco Southeast Region: | |
| Burgundy and Bronze Metal Basket | LC448217, LC448218, LC448219, LC50256, LC52057, LC50258 |
| Costco Northeast Region: | |
| Houdini Fabric basket | LC448981 |
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| Costco Midwest Region: | |
| Wooden Centerpiece | LC448210 |
| Costco.com: | |
| Tis The Season | LC445630 |
| Sweets For The Season | LC446542 |

Houdini Inc. is committed to providing only the highest quality of product and is taking this action out of an abundance of caution in interest of consumer protection.

This recall only affects the 7oz Blue Cheese Savory Twist in gift baskets shipped or sold in stores from September 1, 2016 to December 12, 2016. There is no issue with any of the other food products in the gift basket.

Houdini Inc. has not experienced any problems or complaints about this product. To date, no injuries or illnesses have been reported. If you have any 7 oz Blue Cheese Savory Twists remaining, please discard them; do not consume.

If you gave the product to someone, please let them know to discard the product. This is a voluntary recall as a precautionary measure. This voluntary recall is being conducted with the knowledge of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

If you have any questions concerning this recall, please contact Houdini Customer Care at 866-712-5910 between the hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM PST Monday – Friday.

Sample of lot code label, found on the bottom of the basket, a white label with black printing: Pictures of the external packaging for the Blue Cheese Savory twists. The product was packaged in a variety of colors. Red Package, Copper Package, Green Package

Internal Package: If your foil package does NOT have one of the two lot codes listed below printed on the pouch, your item is not part of this recall.

Internal Package Code Date:

1831602 XX (XX=last 2 digits refer to specific packaging machine)

2431602 XX (XX=last 2 digits refer to specific packaging machine)