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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2003-48

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**KB Specialty Foods Recalls Deli Chef Sour Cream & Cheese Macaroni Salad
from Some Kroger-Owned Stores**

Cincinnati, OH -KB Specialty Foods, in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, today announced a voluntary recall of Deli Chef Sour Cream and Cheese Macaroni Salad from some Kroger-owned supermarkets. The recall was initiated after a sample taken from a Kroger deli service counter by the State of Georgia tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The Sour Cream and Cheese Macaroni Salad being recalled with distributed through the deli service counters at Kroger stores in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Arkansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Louisiana and Texas. The recall also included Dillan Stores in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma; Baker's stores in Nebraska; Food 4 Less stores in Michigan; and Owen's and Pay Less stores in Indiana. The product is being removed from store shelves immediately.

Kroger has not received any customer complaints of illness related to this product.

Customers who have this product in their refrigerators should return it to the store for a full refund or replacement. The Sour Cream and Macaroni Salad should not be consumed. Customers who have questions may contact Kroger toll-free at (800) 632-6900.

Listeria monocytogenes can cause short-term symptoms including high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. The infection may be more serious or even fatal among young children, frail or elderly people, or others with weakened immune systems.