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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2005-08

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Afrah Pastries Issues Allergy Alert on Multiple Undeclared Allergens in Bakery Products

Richardson, TX -- Afrah Pastries of Richardson, Texas is recalling approximately 2265 lbs of pastries because they contain undeclared wheat, dairy, eggs, tree nuts and the colors Yellow #5 and Yellow #6. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to wheat, dairy, eggs, and/or tree nuts run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products.

The recall products were distributed to consumers nationwide through phone and internet sales. The recall includes all box sizes of the following products. All products are labeled on the top of the box with the Afrah Pastries Logo and product description.

Products affected by this recall:

- Baklava Fingers recalled due to undeclared wheat and butter
- Kol Shkor recalled due to undeclared wheat and butter
- Baklava Pistachios recalled due to undeclared wheat and butter
- Baklava Walnuts recalled due to undeclared wheat and butter
- Basma Cashews recalled due to undeclared wheat and butter
- Basma Pistachios recalled due to undeclared wheat and butter
- Mamoul Mad Pistachios recalled due to undeclared wheat, butter, Yellow #5 and Yellow #6
- Mamoul Mad Dates recalled due to undeclared wheat and butter
- Mamoul Pistachios recalled due to undeclared Yellow #5 and Yellow #6
- Mamoul Dates recalled due to undeclared wheat and butter
- Petit Fours recalled due to undeclared wheat, butter, and eggs
- Eye of Gazal recalled due to undeclared wheat, butter, and eggs
- Ghraybeh recalled due to undeclared butter

- Nammoura recalled due to undeclared yogurt
- Barazik recalled due to undeclared wheat, butter, and tree nuts (pistachios)
- Ballourieh recalled due to undeclared wheat
- Burma Pistachios recalled due to undeclared wheat
- Mini Mamoul Pistachios recalled due to undeclared Yellow #5 and Yellow #6
- Assorted Sweet Tray recalled due to undeclared wheat and butter. The Assorted Sweet Tray contains Baklava Pistachios, Baklava Fingers, Baklava Pyramids, Kol Shkor, Basma Pistachios, Basma Cashews, Burma Pistachios and Ballourieh.

No illnesses have been reported to date. The recall is being made with the knowledge of the US Food and Drug Administration.

Consumers are urged to determine if they have any of these pastries. All affected product should be returned via parcel post to Afrah Pastries, 314 E. Main Street, Richardson, Texas 75081. Customers will be reimbursed for returned goods and postage. Customers with questions may contact the company at 1-800-99-AFRAH or by e-mail at info@afrah.com.