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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2005-12

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***Best Brands Corp. Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Eggs in Sugar
Cookie Products***

Best Brands Corp. of Eagan, Minnesota is recalling all lots of Custom Sugar Pre-cut Frozen Cookie Dough products, because they contain undeclared egg. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to egg run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products. The products are not harmful unless the consumer is allergic to eggs.

The sugar cookie dough was sold to retail and grocery store bakeries and other foodservice outlets. Consumers may have purchased the product as baked cookies of various shapes and sizes, either decorated or plain. Cookies may have been sold from trays in the bakery counter or in individual packages with grocery store labels. The name "Best Brands" or "Custom Sugar Pre-cut Frozen Cookie Dough" would not appear on the consumer package.

The sugar cookie dough was distributed to retail bakeries, grocery store bakeries and other foodservice outlets in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

The recall was initiated after it was discovered that product containing egg was distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of egg. In the future, the product will be distributed with the correct ingredient listing.

Consumers with allergen concerns who have purchased sugar cookies are urged to contact the place of purchase to determine if their cookies were made from the Best Brands Corp. sugar cookie dough and are part of this recall. The cookies may be disposed of or returned to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-800-328-2068.

Best Brands Corp. is taking this voluntary action to ensure the safety of its consumers and is working closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in the recall process.