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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,  
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2007-69

Date: October 30, 2007

## **HOUSE OF THALLER, INC. RECALLS SMOKED SALMON DIP BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK**

House of Thaller, Inc. of Knoxville, TN is voluntarily recalling 529 pounds of Smoked Salmon Dip because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The product was distributed to AL, AR, GA, IL, KS, KY, MI, MO, MS, NC, NE, OH, SC, TN, TX, VA, and WV. The product reached consumers packed under the Kroger brand and was sold in the Kroger Seafood Department.

The Smoked Salmon Dip was packed in a clear plastic 7.5 ounce rectangular container and is marked with Use By 04NOV2007A LN3 and 04NOV2007B LN3. The company has also chosen to include the following products produced prior to and following the Smoked Salmon Dip (also in the clear plastic 7.5 ounce container):

Cajun Salmon Dip	287 pounds	Use By 04NOV2007A LN3 and 04NOV2007B LN3
Southern Crab Dip	945 pounds	Use By 04NOV2007A LN3 and 04NOV2007B LN3
Sundried Tomato Crab	516 pounds	Use By 24OCT2007A LN3

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The recall was the result of routine sampling and testing done by the Georgia Department of Agriculture which revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in a 7.5 ounce package of Smoked Salmon Dip.

The production of the Smoked Salmon Dip has been suspended while FDA and the company continue to investigate the source of the problem.

Consumers who have purchased these products with the code dates noted above are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the House of Thaller, Inc. at 1-800-462-3365.