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**Pistachio Recall**

**DEC Warns Consumers about Pistachios and Certain Pistachio Products**

**Health Risk: May be tainted with *Salmonella***

The Department of Environmental Conservation is notifying the public of a voluntary food product recall. Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. announced the recall of specific lots of bulk roasted shelled pistachios and roasted inshell pistachios sold to wholesale customers due to potential contamination with the *Salmonella* organism. The company is asking firms who received the bulk product and have further processed, repackaged, or distributed them to recall those products and contact the Food and Drug Administration.

This voluntary recall also includes Setton Farms brand roasted, salted, shelled pistachios in 9 oz. film bags, UPC Code: 034325020252 with a "Best Before" date between 01/06/10 and 01/19/10. This voluntary recall is not related to the recent recalls associated with peanut or peanut butter.

These products have been found in Alaska and are being removed from retailer's shelves and floor bins. Because pistachios were used as ingredients in a variety of foods, there may be additional recalls as those other foods are identified.

*Salmonella* 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. No illnesses have been reported in Alaska.

Consumers should return this product to the place of purchase for a refund. Setton has established a toll free number, (888) 228-3717, for consumers to call for further information.

FDA Contact: 540-668-7665

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