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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-63

**Stahlbush Island Farms, Inc. Recalls IQF Green Beans Because Of Possible Health Risk**

May 6, 2016 - Stahlbush Island Farms, Inc. (SIFI) of Corvallis, Ore., is voluntarily recalling 10 oz. Stahlbush® IQF Green Bean retail packages 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 throughout the United States and Canada.

The green beans were packaged for Stahlbush Island Farms, Inc. by a co-packer into 10 oz. Stahlbush® IQF Green Bean paper retail packages. Product is frozen and has the UPC code 6 38882 00053 7.

The lot numbers are found on the back of the package and the affected lot numbers and best by dates are:

- #16034001, with a "best buy" code date of 02/03/18.
- #15097001, with a "best buy" code date of 04/07/17.
- #14328001, with a "best buy" code date of 11/24/14.
- #15362001, with a "best buy" code date of 12/28/17.
- #14310002, with a "best buy" code date of 11/06/16.

No other Stahlbush® products are affected by this recall. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with affected Stahlbush® products.

The recall was initiated after SIFI was notified by the supplier of the green beans that the supplier had issued a recall of the green beans.

Consumers who have purchased IQF green beans affected by the recall should not consume the product and are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Consumers with questions may contact the company at [customerservice@stahlbush.com](mailto:customerservice@stahlbush.com) or call (541) 757-1497, open 9 am through 5 pm PDT, Monday through Friday.

Stahlbush Island Farms, Inc. apologizes for any inconvenience experienced by our valued consumers and retail customers.

"We take the safety of our products very seriously," states William Chambers, President and CEO of SIFI. "Immediately after being notified by our supplier that their green beans had been recalled by them, we took action to identify the products implicated in the recall and we discontinued shipment of all affected product. We are working quickly with distributors and retailers to remove the product from shelves and eliminate risk to consumers."