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TO: Local Health Departments, Regional Offices of Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs

FROM: Bill Beaty, Division Chief

DATE: December 19, 2011

SUBJECT: B&M, Inc. Conducts Recall Of O Organics Organic Celery Seed

The Illinois Department of Public Health received the following recall notice. It is being forwarded for information purposes only. There is no action required.

Contacts:

Consumer: B&M, Inc., 1-877-321-5852
Safeway: 1-800-SAFEWAY
Media: Kayce Rice, 1-877-321-5852

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - December 16, 2011 - B&M, Inc. of Mount Vernon, Missouri is voluntarily recalling **O Organics Organic Celery Seed** sold in Safeway stores due to potential *Salmonella* contamination. The product is **sold at all Safeway-owned stores**, including Safeway, Carrs, Dominick's, Genuardi's, Pak 'N Save, Pavilions, Randalls, Tom Thumb and Vons.

Salmonella is an organism which 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.

O Organics Organic Celery Seed is packaged in a glass bottle with a net weight of 1.8oz (51g) and marked with a UPC 0-7989341124-8. The product was sold at stores from May 25, 2011, through December 16, 2011. Bottles with the following lot codes and "Best By" dates are subject to the recall:

Lot Number	Best By Date
1381102A	May 18, 2013
2141102A	August 02, 2013
2591106A	September 16, 2013
2741106A	October 01, 2013
2921102A	October 19, 2013
3321110A	November 28, 2013

The lot number and best by date can be found on the bottom of the bottle.

No other O Organics spices have been affected by this voluntary recall. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this voluntary recall. B&M, Inc was notified by their supplier that a lot of Organic Celery Seed had potential *Salmonella* contamination. The recall is based on a positive result for salmonella that was found during routine testing.

Consumers in possession of this voluntarily recalled product may return it to the store at which it was purchased for a full refund. Consumers or media with questions should contact B&M, Inc. at 1-877-321-5852 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm CST) or you may contact Safeway directly anytime at 1-800-SAFEWAY.