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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2006-019

Date: March 29, 2006

**Anthony-Thomas Candy Company Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Egg Whites in Both 6 oz. & 12 oz Size Filled Easter Eggs**

Columbus, OH - Anthony-Thomas Candy Company, Columbus, OH is recalling 6 oz and 12 oz packages of Filled Easter Eggs because they may contain undeclared egg whites, yellow #5 and yellow #6. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to eggs run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products. No illnesses have been reported to date.

The Filled Easter Eggs were distributed through retail stores between January 27, 2006 and March 27, 2006 in the following states: AL, CO, CT, IL, IO, MA, MI, MS, NY, OH, TN, TX, WV, WI.

The following flavors are included in the recall: Coconut Cream, Peanut Butter, Butter Cream, Fruit and Nut, Chocolate Fudge, Chocolate Fudge Pecan, and Maple Walnut Fudge with production code numbers from 6027 to 6083.

The product is packaged in a cardboard package with a clear cellophane top panel in which the filled egg can be viewed.

The recall was initiated after it was discovered that product containing egg was distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of egg. The egg whites are an ingredient in the decorative flowers on these products.

Distribution of these products has been suspended until the company and FDA are certain that the problem has been corrected.

Consumers who purchased Anthony-Thomas Chocolates brand 6 oz and 12 oz Filled Easter Eggs between January 27, 2006 and March 27, 2006 are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company toll free at 1-877-226-3921.