F. No. 1-30 /CODEX (INFOSAN)/FSSAI/2010 Food Safety& Standards Authority of India (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare) FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road New Delhi-11002

19th June, 2013

Subject: Outbreak of Salmonellosis in the USA and New Zealand linked to Tahini Sesame Paste from Turkey.

An alert has been received from INFOSAN with regard to the Outbreak of Salmonellosis in the USA and New Zealand linked to Tahini Sesame Paste from Turkey.

Tahini seasame paste distributed by KRINOS Foods, LLC of Long Island City, New York is the likely source of this outbreak. Imported tahini sesame paste collected from shipments arriving in December 2012 in the USA from Turkey for distribution by Krinos Foods. Traceback of this tahini paste determined that the product was part of a consignment of tahini imported directly from Turkey with arrival in the United States on 12 October 2012. The recalled lots have expiration dates from 1 January to 8 June 2014 and from 16 October 2014 to 15 March, 2015. The Manufacturer of the tahini Sesame Paste in Turkey is called GESAS Genel Gida Sanayi Ve Ticaret A. Ş, OF Konya Turkey.

Since Sesame paste is also used in Indian Cuisine, and is being imported, FSSAI is sharing this information with all concerned.

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INFOSAN documents (enclosed for information)

To

- 1. All AOs, FSSAI.
- 2. Custom Authorities
- 3. All Food Safety Commissioner of State/UT's
- 4. DGHS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI

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