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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
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DATE: January 13, 2011

SUBJECT: Barry Callebaut USA LLC Recalls Kroger Value Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips

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

Contact: Consumer: Barry Callebaut USA LLC, 1-866-678-5231
Technical: Doug Miscikowski, Director - Quality Assurance, 1-866-678-5231
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - January 12, 2011 - Barry Callebaut USA LLC is conducting a voluntary recall on its product sold by Kroger Stores under the brand "Kroger Value Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips", 12 oz., UPC Code is 11110-86603 as the product may contain undeclared milk protein.

The "Best By" date is found printed in black on the end of the back of the bag. The following "Best By" dates are affected by this voluntary recall: People with allergies or severe sensitivity to milk protein may be at risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume this product.

November 20, 2012, December 1, 2012, December 3, 2012, December 4, 2012

The Kroger Value Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips subject to this recall were sold in Kroger-owned stores, including Kroger; Dillon's and Gerbes stores in Kansas and Missouri; Baker's stores in Nebraska; **Jay C, Hilander, Owen's, Pay Less and Scott's stores in Illinois** and Indiana; **Fred Meyer, Fry's, King Soopers, Smith's, City Market, Foods Co., and Food 4 Less stores in California, Nevada, Nebraska, Illinois and Indiana (Chicago area).**

This recall was necessary after a consumer complaint was received and it was determined that the packages of Kroger Value Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips may contain undeclared milk protein. The package ingredient label does not identify that the product may contain milk protein.

Consumers who have purchased Kroger Value Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips with the above indicated code dates may return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with any questions may contact Barry Callebaut USA LLC at 1-866-678-5231. (9am - 7pm Eastern).