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**DOH RECALLS LOCALLY-PRODUCED PRODUCTS FROM
FIRST COMMERCIAL KITCHEN LLC AND SUSPENDS THEIR
PERMIT TO OPERATE**

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) has issued a Notice of Permit Suspension and Order to Cease and Desist to First Commercial Kitchen LLC after recent inspections by the department and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration showed evidence of improper manufacturing standards used for products. As a result of inadequate testing and failure to produce required documentation by First Commercial Kitchen LLC, the DOH is also issuing a recall of more than a hundred locally-produced specialty products that were manufactured by the First Commercial Kitchen processing plant.

On January 20, a voluntary recall was issued for two products manufactured at First Commercial Kitchen LLC after samples showed evidence of being improperly manufactured. While the Department of Health has received no reports of illness related to the two products (Ohana Flavors Black Bean Sauce and Barbs Black Bean Sauce), the products present a potential risk for botulism, a form of food poisoning. Further inspections by the DOH have revealed numerous products that may present the same or other health risks due to improper production standards.

Inadequate control measures during the manufacture and packaging of food products can lead to possible health risks due to the potential growth of Clostridium Botulinum, a bacterium which can cause life-threatening illness or death. Botulism is a potentially fatal form of food poisoning that may cause the following symptoms: general weakness, dizziness, double-vision, and trouble with speaking or swallowing. Difficulty in breathing, abdominal distension, and constipation may also be common symptoms. People experiencing these problems should seek immediate medical

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attention. If you have any of these products in your possession, please return them to the place of purchase. If the product has already been opened, discard it. Consumers should not use the product even if it does not look or smell spoiled.

In addition to other records required by their permit, First Commercial Kitchen LLC has been unable to provide an accurate list of products manufactured at their processing plant. The following list of products includes business and product label names taken from the company's website. For further information on these products, retailers and consumers may call First Commercial Kitchen LLC at (808) 676-0880.

The following products are being recalled: 3660 On The Rise Lemon Miso Dressing, Arturo's Hot Sauces, A Crafters Dream, Arturo's Maui Onion Salsa, Lilikoi Cream Cheese A.I.R. International, Aunty Malia's Hawaiian Ketchup Loco Moco Sauce, Aloha Island Foods, Barb's Kal-Bi Sauce, Lomi Salmon Cream Cheese Amercian International Resources, Barb's Local Style Black Bean Sauce, Lum's Char-Siu Sauce, Arturo's Mexican Food Products, Barb's Oriental Dressing, Lum's Seasoned Salt, Auntie Maile's Hawaiian Gourmet Favorites, Barb's Somen Salad Dressing Maui Hot Sauce, Barb's Favorite Recipes Barb's Soy Wasabi Dressing and Maui Onion Tartar Sauce, Bob's Bar-B-Que Basil Pesto w/Mac Nuts, Merriman's Hot Sauce, Carolani Food Group Big Island Hot Sauce, Merriman's Hula Barbecue Sauce, Chele's Venom Specialty Sauces, Blend of Aloha Merriman's Salad Dressing, Cooray Products, Captain's Choice Gourmet Hot Sauce, Moloka'i Hot Sauce, Datal Unlimited Chef Eugenio's Spinach Dressing, Moloka'i Limu Salsa, Discovered Flavors Chili Pepper Water, Nara's Creamy Island Dressing, East & West Gourmet Cillantro Pesto, Nara's Guava Island Dressing, Frederico's Hawaiian Salsas, Citrus Pepper Jelly, Nara's Hawaiian French Dressing, Hawaiian Passion Citrus Pepper Sauce, Oahu Hot Sauce, Hawaiian Plantations Cooray's Pineapple Chutney, Ohana Peanut Butter Bar-B-Que Sauces, Heaven & Earth, Cooray's Curry Powder Ready Mixes, Ohana Pepper Jellies, Honolulu Sauce Company, Discovered Flavors Gift Paks Pasta Sauces, Indigo Eurasian Cuisine Fire Sauce, Sensational Sassy Succulent Sauces, Island Country Foods, Force Nitro Hot Sauces, Sassy Tropics Fruit Salsas, Island Taste, Frederico's Hawaiian Salsa, Scoshi's Konashire Sauce, Italian Sistahs, Frederico's Chunky Style Salsa, Strawberry-Lilikoi Cream Cheese JMA Co., Genji's Ponzu Sauce and Sushi Vinegar, Ka 'anela Inc. Genji's Salad Dressings, Table Boss - E-Z Black Bean Sauce, Kailua Jelly Company, Genji's Teriyaki Sauce, Table Boss - Red Rib Sauce, Kauai Fresh Products Ginger Pepper Jelly, Table Boss - Safari Sauce, Ke kua 'aina Products Ginger Pepper Sauce, Tanouye's Sushi Vinegar, Kiawe Hawaii Grandma Alice's Sushi Vinegar, Tanouye's Teriyaki Sauce, Kumu Farms Hawaii Passion Hot Sauces, Taro Savored Oil, Kyotaru Hawaii Corp., Hawaiian Hurricane Popcorn Tastier Sauce, L.A.R. Co. Heaven & Earth - Black Bean Sauce, Teri-Miso Sauce, Megaminds Heaven &

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Earth - Dragon Fire Chili Sauce, Teri-wasabi Sauce, Merriman's Restaurant Heaven & Earth - Four Fruits Sauce Tropical Island Garlic Dressing, Nara Foods, Heaven & Earth - Ginger Juice Tuna Spread, Nick's Fishmarket Heaven & Earth - Ginger Mint Sauce, Valerie Puanani's Ginger Miso Dressing, Ohana Plantations Heaven & Earth - Peanut Sauce, Wilkinson's Gourmet Dining Sauce, Pat's Island Delight Heaven & Earth - Raspberry -Hoisin Sauce, Wing Black Bean Garlic Sauce, R.K.M.K. Enterprise Heaven & Earth - Tangerine Sauce, Wing Find Shrimp Sauce, Real Fresh Cookin' Hot Pepper Ginger Jelly, Wing Hoisin Sauce, Rib Roaring Recipes Hot Pepper Sauce, Wing Plum Sauce, Scoshi's Hot Sauce, Wing Sweet Sour Sauce, Seafood Hawaii Island Country Fruit Butters, Wing Thick Soy Sauce, That Personal Touch Island Taste Sauces & Dressings, Yamaka Sauces, The Genji Group Italian Sistahs Pasta Sauces, Noni Juice, The Poi Company Kauai Hot Sauce (this is a partial listing only), The Wilkinson Alliance Kauai Salsa, Wing Coffee Company, Kiawe-Q Yummy Korean B-B-Q Lanai Hot Sauce, The Noni Connection Puna Noni Juice, Kahala Mandarin Oriental Hawaii Veranda Jelly, Valtrex, Inc. Original Country Dressing, Spicy Country Dressing Korean Sauce, Liko Lehua Products Lilikoi Butter, Dr. Terry Shintani, Soul de Cuba Mojo Marinade Mango Salsa, Float Beverages Kava, Da Kine Enterprises BBQ & Salad Dressings, Fu Man Chu Chilli Peppa Water, Honolulu Gourmet Foods Dressings, Nalo Farms Dressings, Natural Edge Waiola Burger Sauce, Aloha Salads Tropical Fruit Vinaigrettes, Palolo Chinese Home Chutney Mango Jam, Pacific Asian Creations Dressings & Sauces, Rib Roaring Recipes, Lum's Char-Siu Ribs, Hawaiian Vanilla Company Dressings Sauces, Coffee Cabais Capital Sweet Wasabi Sauce, Island Fire & Spice Salsa, Kalipso Blue Kava Hana Hotties Sunset Sauces, Pacific Pestos, Poke Stop, Grand Cafe & Bakery Sunset Sauces, Pacific Pestos, Natural Edge Soul de Cuba, Hawaiian Vanilla Company, India Cafe Island Fire & Spice, Grand Café & Bakery Dessert Topping Sherry Vinaigrette Dressing, Mama's Kitchen Mom's Recipe, Taste of Joy, Teri-Q, Bob's Bar-B-Que

First Commercial Kitchen LLC has requested a hearing to contest the Notice of Suspension and Order to Cease and Desist.

First Commercial Kitchen LLC's operating permit may be reinstated when the DOH receives an official list of all clients; an ingredient list for all products produced (so the DOH can determine the safety of the product); and documentation that adequate standard operating procedures and testing criteria are in place to ensure the safety of the food products being produced and distributed for sale.

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