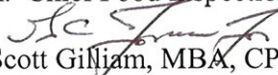




DATE: March 11, 2010

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: 
A. Scott Giliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Frontier Natural Products Co-op Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Several of its products manufactured with non-organic black pepper because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. Recalled products were sold in all 50 states and in some parts of Canada to distributors, retailers and consumers. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Frontier Natural Products Co-op Initiates Voluntary Recall Due to Possible Health Risk from Black Pepper

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319-227-7996 ext.1359

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 09, 2010 - NORWAY, IOWA – In response to a recall commenced by its supplier, Mincing Overseas Spice Company, Dayton, New Jersey, Frontier Natural Products Co-op, is voluntarily recalling several of its products manufactured with non-organic black pepper that were sold under the Frontier brand and under the Whole Foods Market brands listed below that contain black pepper supplied by Mincing Overseas Spice Company. The black pepper has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

"Consumption of products containing *Salmonella* 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) endocarditic and arthritis."

Recalled products were sold in all 50 states and in some parts of Canada to distributors, retailers and consumers. Below is the list of products containing the black pepper:

| Frontier Branded Products | | | | |
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| Brand | Full Product Name | Size/Weight | UPC Code | Lot Code |
| Frontier | Cajun Blackened Fish/Meat seasoning | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00351-5 | 0011 |
| Frontier | Curry powder | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00139-9 | 0007, 0029, 9350,9351 |
| Frontier | Curry powder | 2.19 oz. | 0-89836-18338-5 | 9352, 0042 |
| Frontier | Curry powder | 400.00 oz. | 0-89836-80139-5 | 0029, 9351 |
| Frontier | Garlic N Herb blend | 1.94 oz. | 0-89836-18908-0 | 0005, 9351 |
| Frontier | Garlic N Herb blend | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00295-2 | 0035, 9324, 9334, 9344, 9363 |
| Frontier | Garlic N Herb blend | 400.00 oz. | 0-89836-80295-8 | 0033, 9335 |
| Frontier | Greek Seasoning blend | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00353-9 | 0032, 9310 |
| Frontier | Herbs of Italy | 0.80 oz. | 0-89836-18446-7 | 9355 |
| Frontier | Muchi Curry powder | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00138-2 | 0004, 9350 |

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| Frontier | Oriental Seasoning blend | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00360-7 | 9356, 9363, 0061 |
| Frontier | Pepper Black Coarse Grind | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00181-8 | 9327, 9357 |
| Frontier | Pepper Black Coarse Grind | 1.76 oz. | 0-89836-18381-1 | 9339 |
| Frontier | Pepper Black Coarse Grind | 400.00 oz. | 0-89836-80181-4 | 0019, 0032 |
| Frontier | Pepper Black Cracked | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00282-2 | 9321, 9349 |
| Frontier | Pepper Black Cracked | 400.00 oz. | 0-89836-80282-8 | 0021, 0004 |
| Frontier | Pepper Black Fine Ground | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00298-3 | 0008 |
| Frontier | Pepper Fine Grind | 1.76 oz. | 0-89836-18382-8 | 0020 |
| Frontier | Peppercorns Black Whole L/M | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00183-2 | 9299, 9306, 9357 |
| Frontier | Salad Sprinkle | 1.23 oz. | 0-89836-18901-1 | 0005 |
| Frontier | Salad Sprinkle blend | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00367-6 | 0022 |
| Frontier | Spaghetti Seasoning | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00384-3 | 9341 |
| Frontier | Thai Seasoning blend | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00387-4 | 0015 |
| Frontier | Veggie Pepper blend | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-00366-9 | 0034, 9352 |
| Frontier | Mediterranean Seafood seasoning | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-02834-1 | 9351 |
| Frontier | Toronto Steak & Chicken Rub | 16.00 oz. | 0-89836-02835-8 | 0028, 9342 |

Whole Foods Branded Products

| Brand | Full Product Name | Size/Weight | UPC Code | Lot Code |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|--|
| Whole Foods 365 | Asian Seafood Seasoning | 5.00 oz. | 0-99482-40683-7 | 0029 |
| Whole Foods 365 | Mediterranean Rotisserie | 5.00 oz. | 0-99482-40684-4 | 0026, 0029 |
| Whole Foods 365 | Mediterranean Seafood seasoning | 5.00 oz. | 0-99482-40687-5 | 0029, 9316, 9321 |
| Whole Foods 365 | Southwestern Grille Seasoning | 6.00 oz. | 0-99482-40682-0 | 0019, 0028, 0026 |
| Whole Foods 365 | Toronto Steak & Chicken Rub | 5.00 oz. | 0-99482-40686-8 | 0025, 0026, 0028, 9310, 9321, 9362, 9363 |
| Whole Pantry | Muchi Curry | 1.41 oz. | 0-99482-41956-1 | 0014, 9355, 9364 |
| Whole Foods 365 Canadian | French/English Asian Seafood Seasoning | 4.62 oz. | 0-99482-72683-6 | 0029 |
| Whole Foods 365 Canadian | French/English Mediterranean Rotisserie | 4.73 oz. | 0-99482-72684-3 | 0021, 0029, 9362 |
| Whole Foods 365 Canadian | French/English Mediterranean Seafood | 4.23 oz. | 0-99482-72687-4 | 0029 |
| Whole Foods 365 Canadian | French/English Toronto Steak & Chicken | 4.76 oz. | 0-99482-72686-7 | 0028, 9338, 9356 |

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| Whole Foods 365 Canadian | French/English Toronto Steak & Chicken | 4.76 oz. | 0-99482-72686-7 | 0028, 9338, 9356 |
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On foil bulk packages, the lot codes will be found on the front label directly above the UPC code. On bottled glass and plastic items, the lot codes can be found on the bottom of the bottle.

No illnesses have been associated with these Frontier or Whole Foods Market products but proceed to the FDA web-site (www.fda.gov¹) for updated information.

Frontier is initiating recall notices to our accounts who received any of the above recalled products with instructions for destroying the recalled products and for notifying their customers of the recall. Consumers should not consume these products. Please contact Frontier with any questions or to inquire about replacement or reimbursement at 1-800-669-3275, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm Central time. If you have a Whole Foods item please contact your local store. Images of the products above can be seen by going to the following link: <http://www.frontiercoop.com/recall>².

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