



DATE: March 8, 2010
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Mincing Overseas Spice Company Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Black pepper Lots 3258 and 3309 because of possible contamination 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. The black pepper was sold in 50 lb, 25 lb, and 20 lb cartons with Mincing Overseas Spice Company's name. 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

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Mincing Overseas Spice Company Voluntarily Recalls Two Lots of Black Pepper

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 5, 2010 - Dayton, NJ - Mincing Overseas Spice Company of Dayton, New Jersey announced today that it is recalling black pepper Lots 3258 and 3309 because of possible contamination with *Salmonella*.

Salmonella is an organism which 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), endocarditis and arthritis.

Black pepper was not distributed at retail level and was shipped to FL, IA, IL, IN, MA, OK, NJ, NY, PA, RI, TX and WI.

The black pepper was sold in 50 lb, 25 lb, and 20 lb cartons with Mincing Overseas Spice Company's name.

Mincing has decided to initiate this voluntary recall as a commitment to the safety and health of the public.

Customers that purchased black pepper from any parts of Lots 3258 and 3309 should place these lots or any spice blends made from these lots under their control on hold and contact Mincing Overseas Spice Company at 732-355-9944. With regard to any spice blends or other foods made from these lots, companies should contact their local FDA Recall Coordinator to determine the appropriate action and if a sub recall is needed.

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