



DATE: March 11, 2010

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

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

SUBJECT: Olde Westport Spice Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Garden Harvest Special Blend Seasoning 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. The Special Blend Seasoning was sold online at www.oldwestportspice.com. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

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Olde Westport Spice Announces a Voluntary Recall of Garden Harvest Special Blend Seasoning

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 9, 2010 - Olathe, Kan – Olde Westport Spice announced that it is voluntarily recalling 5- and 10-oz. jars and 20-oz. bags of **Garden Harvest Special Blend Seasoning** because an ingredient used in the product has the potential to be contaminated 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.

The Special Blend Seasoning was sold online at www.oldwestportspice.com¹, at food and craft shows in Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas and Colorado and at limited specialty gift shops located in Kansas and Missouri.

The Olde Westport Special Blend does not have any codes on the packaging to identify the product affected by the recall. Therefore, if **Garden Harvest Special Blend Seasoning** was purchased from November 1, 2009 thru February 28, 2010, it is to be recalled.

There have been no reports of illnesses associated with the identified products and **no other** Olde Westport products are affected by this recall.

Olde Westport Spice was notified by its supplier, Basic Food Flavors, Inc., of the recall of an ingredient used in this product due to potential *Salmonella* contamination. Because the safety of consumers is a top priority, Olde Westport Spice has voluntarily recalled its Special Blend. Olde Westport Spice is working closely with Food and Drug Administration to conduct this voluntary recall.

Consumers who have purchased the Garden Harvest Special Blend Seasoning are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions about the recall may contact Ann Myers at 913-915-0936 or at annmyers@oldwestportspice.com.

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Photo: Product Labels²