



DATE: March 30, 2010

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

FROM: ^{ASL} A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Perfect Candy & Packaging Co Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: **Unclassified Recall; Whole Black Peppercorns, 2.0 oz Bags UPC# 080869654293 due to possible *Salmonella* contamination; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.**

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. The product was distributed nationwide to retailers. 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.

Perfect Candy & Packaging Co. Announces a Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Whole Black Pepper in H.D.W. FOODS Labeled Bags

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 25, 2010 - Reading, Pa – As a result of a nationwide recall of Black Pepper by Mincing Overseas Spice Company and by Dutch Valley Food Distributors, Perfect Candy & Packaging Co is joining in this product recall due to the possibility of contamination with Salmonella, 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.

Perfect Candy & Packaging Co. has issued a voluntary recall for the following product with an H.D.W. Foods Inc. label.

Whole Black Peppercorns, 2.0 oz Bags UPC# 080869654293

This item packaged and sold within the parameters mentioned is subject to this recall. The item was distributed nationwide. Retailers are advised to remove this product from store shelves. Consumers who have purchased these products are asked to destroy them. Consumers with questions regarding the product listed may call Perfect Candy & Packaging Co at 610-373-3253 and speak with customer service. For more information on FDA's ongoing investigation, visit the FDA's website at www.fda.gov.¹

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