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**DATE:** June 3, 2013  
**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer  
**FROM:** A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
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**SUBJECT:** **Unclassified Recall; Blessings Inc.**

**AFFECTED PRODUCT(S):** Domestic 16-20 EZ Peel Shrimp, Lot Numbers 13047-1, 13038-3 and 13037-1; Due to an Undeclared Allergen Sulfite Above the Levels Required for Products Labeled, "Sulfite-Free".

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Information provided in case of consumer inquiry.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. Consumers with questions may contact Blessings at 1-800-492-1621. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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### Recall -- Firm Press Release

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### Blessings Inc, Issues Voluntary Recall On 16-20 Domestic EZ Peel Shrimp

**Contact:**  
1-800-492-1621.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - May 31, 2013 - Blessings Inc. of Tucson, Arizona is voluntarily recalling its domestic 16-20 EZ Peel Shrimp because it contains the undeclared allergen sulfite above the levels required for products labeled "sulfite-free." People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to sulfite run the risk of allergic reaction if they consume these

products.

The 16-20 EZ Peel Shrimp was distributed by Perishable Distributors of Iowa (PDI) and sold from February 12 to May 23, 2013 at the seafood display counters in the retail markets seafood section of Hy-Vee stores located in eight states: Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois, Missouri, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, and at Cedar Valley Fish Market in Waterloo, Iowa.

This precautionary action was prompted when three lots of domestic 16-20 EZ Peel Shrimp were found to have exceeded the sulfite levels required for products labeled as "sulfite-free." Sulfite is a commonly used preservative.

The product in question can be identified by lot numbers 13047-1, 13038-3 and 13037-1.

Consumers who have purchased 16-20 EZ Peel Shrimp are urged to contact and return the product to the store from which it was purchased for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Blessings at 1-800-492-1621.

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