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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2014-040

Frontier Natural Products Co-op Initiates Voluntary Class 1 Recall Due to Possible Health Risk from Organic Black Peppercorns

April 4, 2014 - Frontier Natural Products Co-op is voluntarily recalling several of its products manufactured with organic black peppercorns that were sold under its Frontier and Simply Organic brands, Whole Foods Market 365 Everyday Value, and others due to potential *Salmonella* contamination. To date, no illnesses have been associated with these products.

While the product in question was steam pasteurized at the source and tested negative for *Salmonella* by Frontier Natural Products Co-op, there is a small risk that *Salmonella* may still be present based on a positive, random test that was recently conducted. Frontier Natural Products Co-op is immediately initiating added precautions to the safety of the supply chain to mitigate any future occurrence.

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 organic black peppercorn:

Brand	Full Product Name	Size/Weight	UPC Code	Lot Code
Frontier	Peppercorns Black Whole Black Organic	2.12oz	0-89836-18435-1	3246, 3288
Frontier	Peppercorns Black Whole Black Organic	25lbs	0-89836-82603-9	3226, 3288
Frontier	Peppercorns Black Whole Black Organic	16oz	0-89836-02603-3	3256
Whole Foods Market 365 Everyday Value	365 Organic Peppercorns, Black Whole	2.12oz	0-99482-44563-8	3246, 3287
Whole Foods Market 365 Everyday Value	365 Peppercorns, Black Whole	1.87oz	0-99482-44497-6	3287
Whole Foods Market 365 Everyday Value	365 Value Size Peppercorns, Black Whole	8.08oz	0-99482-44511-9	3260, 3267

Brand	Full Product Name	Size/Weight	UPC Code	Lot Code
Whole Foods Market 365 Everyday Value	365 Organic Black Peppercorns	2.12oz	0-99482-73914-0	3247
Simply Organic	Black Pepper Grinder	75grams	0-89836-19218-9	3260
Simply Organic	Black Peppercorns Organic	75grams	0-89836-19210-3	3221, 3262, 3294
Simply Organic	Black Pepper Whole Organic	2.65oz	0-89836-18524-2	3221, 3262
Simply Organic	Daily Grind, Certified Organic	2.65oz	0-89836-18263-0	3261

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.

Frontier Natural Products Co-op is initiating recall notices to our accounts who received any of the above recalled products with instructions for returning or 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 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central time.

Images of the products above can be seen by going to the following link:
<http://www.frontiercoop.com/recall>.