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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-102a

Update: Gel Spice, Inc. Issues Expanded Recall of Ground Turmeric Powder Due to Elevated Lead Levels

August 5, 2016 - Gel Spice, Inc. is expanding its recall of ground turmeric powder to include additional brands because of elevated lead levels. Lead can accumulate in the body over time. Too much can cause health problems, including delayed mental and physical development and learning deficiencies. Pregnant women, infants and young children especially should avoid exposure to lead. People concerned about blood lead levels should contact their physician or health clinic to ask about testing.

The additional products being recalled are identified in the table below.

Brand/Description and Net Weight	Lot/BB code	UPC NUMBER
Spice Select/8 oz	03/18/19	076114007730
Market Pantry/0.95 oz	05APR2019	085239211038
Gel/15 oz	04/18/19	076114800867
Gel/15 oz	05/16/19	076114800867
Clear Value /0.75oz	04/27/19	036800354920
Lieber's/2 oz	05/13/19	043427006361
Spice Supreme/2 oz	05/17/19	076114364628

The products were distributed by various retailers throughout the United States.

Sampling and testing of another product, produced from the same bulk turmeric, revealed the elevated level of lead.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

Consumers who have purchased the ground turmeric powders identified above should discard the product. Consumers with questions about the recalled product may call (201) 564-0435 between the hours of 8 AM to 4 PM Eastern Time, Monday-Friday.