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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-106

Oriental Packing Co., Inc. Issues Alert on Lead in Curry Powder

August 12, 2016 - Oriental Packing Co., Inc., Miami, Florida is recalling approximately 377,000 lbs. of the following blended seasoning curry products because it is contaminated with lead. Lead can accumulate in the body over time and can cause serious and sometimes permanent adverse health consequences.

Blue Mountain Brand

Blue Mountain Country Mild Curry Powder
Blue Mountain Country Hot Curry Powder
Blue Mountain Country Hot Jamaican Jerk Curry Seasoning

Jamaica Choice Brand

Jamaica Choice Mild
Jamaica Hot Curry Powder

Ocho Rios Brand

Ocho-Rios Jamaican Nice Mild Curry Powder
Ocho Rios Spicy Curry Powder
Ocho Rios Jerk Curry Seasoning Mild
Ocho Rios Jerk Curry Seasoning Spicy

Oriental Brand

Oriental Mild Curry Powder
Oriental Hot Curry Powder

Grace Brand

Grace Mild Curry Powder
Grace Hot Curry Powder
Grace Caribbean Curry Powder
Grace Caribbean Tradition Hot Curry Powder

Product was distributed in New York and Florida and was sold through internet sales and retail stores nationwide.

No illnesses have been reported to date.

The products can be identified by the label bearing the above names in glass and plastic bottles. The sizes including 2oz, 4oz, 6oz, 8oz, 22oz and 5 lb. Product can be identified by the lot numbers and best before date listed below. This information can be found on the top of the cap or at the bottom of the bottle.

HOT/SPICY LOT NUMBERS BEST BEFORE DATE: 11/1/18 through 6/29/19

12516	21616	31616	40216	42116	51816	60316	62416	111915
12616	21716	31916	40816	42216	51916	61316	62716	
12716	22216	32319	41216	42716	52316	61416	62916	
12916	30116	32416	41316	42816	53116	61516	120115	
20316	30516	32516	41416	42916	60116	61616	120215	
20916	30716	32616	42016	51716	60216	62316	120315	

MILD LOT NUMBERS BEST BEFORE DATE: 11/1/18 through 6/29/19

12516	20316	21716	31516	40216	41916	51516	60716	62716
12616	20416	22216	31816	40316	41416	51616	61316	62816
12716	20516	22616	31916	40416	42016	52716	61416	120316
12816	20816	30216	32216	40516	42116	53116	61516	120315
13016	20916	30516	32416	40716	42216	60216	61616	112015
20116	21216	30716	32516	41216	42516	60316	62216	112315
20216	21316	31416	32916	41316	50316	60616	62316	

HOT/SPICY JERK LOT NUMBER BEST BEFORE DATE: 11/1/18 through 6/29/19

013016

MILD HEAT JERK LOT NUMBER BEST BEFORE DATE: 11/1/18 through 6/29/19

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The recall was the result of a routine sampling program by the New York State Health Department, which revealed that the finished products contained lead. Oriental Packing Co., Inc. has ceased the production and distribution of the product as FDA and the company continues their investigation as to what caused the problem. No illnesses have been reported to date.

Consumers are urged to dispose unused product following EPA and/or state and county regulations or return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Oriental Packing Company Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST at this toll free number 800-809-9793.