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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 9, 2010 - Myerstown, Pa - As a result of a recall of Black Pepper by Mincing Overseas Spice Company and distributed by Dutch Valley Food Distributors 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, a product recall is being issued. 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.

Dutch Valley Food Distributors, Inc. has issued a voluntary recall for the following products with a Bulk Foods Inc. label:

5 Pound boxes of Seasoning Salt, item 808530, with a Mfg. date of 1/4/10 and 2/2/2010
5 Pound boxes of Perfect Pepper Seasoning, item 808399, with a Mfg. date of 1/4/2010
5 Pound boxes of Perfect Pepper Dip Mix, item 278115, with a Mfg. date of 12/7/2009
5 Pound boxes of Vegetable Dip Mix, item 278112, with a Mfg. date of 1/4/2010 and 2/2/2010
5 Pound boxes of Southwest Dip Mix, item 278109, with a Mfg. date of 2/2/2010

50 Pound boxes of Medium Black Pepper, item 808464 with a lot number of 3309 (B, F, G, K, P and T) and 3258 (B, D, G, L, P, Q, R, T and X)
20 Pound boxes of Coarse Black Pepper, item 808465 with a lot number of 3309 (B, F, G, K, P and T) and 3258 (B, D, G, L, P, Q, R, T and X)
25 Pound boxes of Fine Black Pepper, item 808466 with a lot number of 3309 (B, F, G, K, P and T) and 3258 (B, D, G, L, P, Q, R, T and X)
50 Pound boxes of Fine Black Pepper, item 808467 with a lot number of 3309 (B, F, G, K, P and T) and 3258 (B, D, G, L, P, Q, R, T and X)
25 Pound boxes of Whole Black Peppercorns, item 808468 with a lot number of 3309 (B, F, G, K, P and T) and 3358 (B, D, G, L, P, Q, R, T and X)
20 Pound boxes of Medium Black Pepper, item 808469 with a lot number of 3309 (B, F, G, K, P and T) and 3358 (B, D, G, L, P, Q, R, T and X)
5 Pound pails of Whole Black Peppercorns, item 808470 with a lot number of 3309 (B, F, G, K, P and T) and 3358 (B, D, G, L, P, Q, R, T and X)

All items packaged and sold within the parameters mentioned are subject to this recall, including items sold on our website, www.dutchvalleyfoods.com[1]. The items were distributed nationwide. Retailers are advised to remove all these products from store shelves based on lot number or manufacture dates. Consumers who have purchased these products are asked to destroy them. Consumers with questions regarding the products listed may call Dutch Valley Foods at 1-800-733-4191 and speak with customer service. For more information on FDA's ongoing investigation, visit the FDA's website at www.fda.gov[2].

- We believe that none of the products being recalled were processed or offered through the national office.
- We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.
- ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.
- For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

For full details on the recall, please visit: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm203767.htm

If you have questions, please contact William Hellman, Director of Food Safety, at whellman@feedingamerica.org or 312.641.6875.

About Feeding America Recall Notices

The Feeding America national office issues notifications of all national Class I recalls--those involving a health hazard situation in which there is reasonable probability that eating the food will cause health problems or death--and other recalls that may affect the safety of food supplied to network members. The national office strongly encourages all member product solicitors, operations managers, and others involved in food and grocery distribution to regularly consult resources provided by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/index.asp.
Additionally, members can often receive information on national and local recalls by contacting their local health departments.
If you or a colleague from a network food bank wish to subscribe or unsubscribe to the recall notification list, please click on 'manage your subscription" at the bottom of this email.
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