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TO: Directors of Health
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FROM: Krista Veneziano, Epidemiologist
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DATE: October 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Three Turmeric Spice Powder Recalls Due to High Content of Lead

Please see the attached product recalls for Turmeric spice powder issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The following three companies are voluntarily recalling PRAN brand spice powder Turmeric because it was found to contain high levels of lead that could cause health problems to consumers, particularly infants, small children, and pregnant women if consumed.

- **Asia Cash & Carry Inc. of Maspeth, New York**
 - PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC was distributed in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Illinois through retail stores.
 - http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm370854.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- **OnTime Distribution Inc. of Brooklyn, NY**
 - PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC was distributed in New York and New Jersey through retail stores and direct delivery.
 - http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm370702.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery



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- **BEST VALUE, INC. of Detroit, MI**

- PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC was distributed in and around Hamtramck, Michigan through retail stores.
- http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm371042.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Please see the individual recall notices (note web links above) for specific information for consumers and contact information for the company. You may also contact the CT Department of Public Health Lead Poisoning Prevention & Control Program at 860-509-7299.



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Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Asia Cash & Carry Inc. Recalls PRAN Brand Spice Powder Turmeric Due to Elevated Levels of Lead

Contact: Consumer: 1-718-894-2505

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - October 8, 2013 - Asia Cash & Carry Inc. of Maspeth, New York is voluntarily recalling PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC, Net Wt. 8.82 oz. (250 gm) jars, because it was found to contain high levels of lead that could cause health problems to consumers, particularly infants, small children, and pregnant women if consumed. Recent analysis of the product found it contained 28 parts per million (ppm).

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.

PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC was distributed in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Illinois through retail stores.

This product is packed in in a clear plastic jar with yellow plastic lid: Net Wt. 8.82 oz./250 gm with UPC 8 31730 00551. The affected date code is: BEST BEFORE: 02 SEP 14.

One illness complaint has been received to date. The recall was initiated after it was discovered that product contained high levels of lead based on sampling by New York State Health Department and private laboratory testing.

Consumers who have purchased the affected PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC are urged not to consume the product and should return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-718-894-2505, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm ET.

**Asia Cash & Carry Inc. Recalls PRAN Brand Spice Powder Turmeric Due to Elevated Levels of Lead
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OnTime Distribution Inc. Recalls PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC Due To Excessive Levels of Lead

Contact: Consumer: 1-718-417-1100

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - October 3, 2013 - OnTime Distribution Inc. of Brooklyn, NY, is voluntarily recalling PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC because it was found to contain high levels of lead that could cause health problems to consumers, particularly infants, small children, and pregnant women if consumed. Recent analysis of the product found that it contained lead levels as high as 28 and 42 parts per million (ppm).

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.

PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC was distributed in New York and New Jersey through retail stores and direct delivery.

This product is packed in two different size clear plastic jars with yellow plastic lids: Net Wt. 8.82 oz./250 gm with UPC 8 31730 00551, and Net Wt. 14.1 oz./400 gm with UPC 8 46656 00209 4. The affected date codes are: BEST BEFORE: 26 OCT 14 and BEST BEFORE: 15 JAN 15.

One illness complaint has been received to date.

The recall was initiated after it was discovered that product contained high levels of lead based on sampling by New York State Health Department and private laboratory testing.

Consumers who have purchased PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC are urged not to consume the product and should return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-718-417-1100, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm ET.

OnTime Distribution Inc. Recalls PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC Due To Excessive Levels of Lead
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Best Value, Inc., Recalls PRAN Bran Turmeric Powder Due to Elevated Levels of Lead

Contact: Consumer: (313) 259-2900

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - October 15, 2013 - BEST VALUE, INC. of Detroit, MI is voluntarily recalling PRAN TURMERIC POWDER because it was found to contain high levels of lead that could cause health problems to consumers, particularly infants, small children, and pregnant women if consumed. The recall was initiated after it was discovered that product contained high levels of lead (53 ppm) based on sampling by Food and Drug Administration. No complaints have been reported to date.

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.

PRAN TURMERIC POWDER 400g that is packaged in a transparent plastic flexible bag with BEST BEFORE 26 OCT 14 and BAR CODE #8 3173000502 3.

It was distributed in and around Hamtramck, Michigan through retail stores.

Consumers who have purchased PRAN TURMERIC POWDER are urged not to consume the product and should return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at TEL: 313-259-2900, Monday – Friday, 10am-5pm.

Best Value, Inc., Recalls PRAN Bran Turmeric Powder Due to Elevated Levels of Lead Photos

