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EHS Circular Letter 2013-57

TO: Directors of Health
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FROM: Krista Veneziano, Epidemiologist
Lead Poisoning Prevention & Control Program

DATE: October 18, 2013

SUBJECT: Turmeric Spice Powder Recall Due to High Content of Lead

Please see the attached product recall for Turmeric spice powder issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Fahman Enterprises Inc. of Dallas, TX 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 PRAN Turmeric Powder 400g is packaged in a transparent plastic flexible bag with best before 25 JAN 15 and barcode 8 3173000502 3.

To be directed to the recall announcement on the FDA website click on the link below:
http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm371206.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Please see the individual recall notice 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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Fahman Enterprises Inc. - Recalls Pran Brand Turmeric Powder Due to Elevated Levels of Lead

Contact:

Consumer:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - October 17, 2013 - FAHMAN ENTERPRISES INC. of Dallas, TX 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 (48 ppm) based on sampling by The Food and Drug Administration.

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 PRAN TURMERIC POWDER 400g IS PACKAGED IN A TRANSPARENT PLASTIC FLEXIBLE BAG WITH BEST BEFORE 25 JAN 15 AND BARCODE 8 3173000502 3.

No complaints have been reported to date.

The recalled product was distributed in the city of Dallas, TX to retail stores between the dates of July 2013 to September 2013.

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 214 597 5133, Monday – Friday 10am – 5pm, CDT.