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#### **EHS Circular Letter 2017-01**

TO: Directors of Health  
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Regional Lead Treatment Centers  
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FROM: Christine Hahn, Epidemiologist  
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DATE: January 3, 2017

SUBJECT: Oriental Packing Co. Inc. Issues another Alert on Lead in Curry Powder

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On December 7, 2016 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued the second recall this year for the Oriental Packing Co. due to curry powder that may be contaminated with lead. Oriental Packing Co. is recalling ORIENTAL Hot Curry Powder 50 lb. Bulk, OCHO-RIOS Jamaican Nice Mild and Spicy Hot Curry Powder 4oz, and OCHO-RIOS Mild Curry Powder 5 lb. No amount of lead is safe to ingest, therefore all use of these products should cease immediately.

The curry powder was sold through retail stores in Florida and Jamaica. The products can be identified by the label bearing the names in plastic bottles and paper bags. The sizes are 4oz, 5 lb. and 50 lb. bulk. Product can be identified by the lot numbers and best before dates (best before 9/19/19 through 9/21/19; lot number 091316A and 091316B). This information can be found on the top of the cap and on the bag.

Consumers with questions may contact Oriental Packing Company: 800-809-9793. The recall can be found at: [http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm532166.htm?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm532166.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)  
You may also contact the Connecticut Department of Public Health Lead & Healthy Homes Program at 860-509-7299.

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