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DATE: August 10, 2015

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: *Laurie Kidwell*
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SUBJECT: A Thousand Virgins Corp. - RECALL [Cosmetics]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: A Thousand Virgins grey wash inks; G1, G2 and G3

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; These products are being recalled because they may be contaminated with *Mycobacterium chelonae*, *Mycobacterium* organisms, and the molds *Cryptococcus albidus* and members of the *Penicillium* genus. Use of these products may cause bacterial infection and can lead to sepsis, a potentially life-threatening complication of an infection.

| <u>Recalled Tattoo Inks (Sold in kits):</u> | <u>Brand:</u> | <u>Code:</u> | <u>Size:</u> |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Grey color shades G1,G2,G3 | A Thousand Virgins Grey Wash System | Lot No. 129 Expiration date: 01/16 | 2oz and 4oz bottles |

The G1, G2 and G3 grey wash tattoo inks were distributed nationwide and may be available for sale from international and online distributors.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. This recall is being made with the knowledge of the US Food and Drug Administration. Consumers with any questions should contact us at 1-866-829-4659 from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am to 5pm EST. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

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Voluntary Nationwide Recall Of Grey Wash Tattoo Inks And Tattoo Kits by Thousand Virgins Corp Due To Microbial Contamination

Contact:

Consumer:
(866) 829-4659
atvrecall@gmail.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – August 4, 2015 – Miami (City of Industry), Florida – A Thousand Virgins Corp. in Miami (City of Industry), FL is recalling all lots of tattoo Inks described below due to microbiological contamination. A Thousand Virgins grey wash inks; G1, G2 and G3, that are labeled with Lot #129, and bearing the expiration date: 1/16, revealed contamination with *Mycobacterium chelonae*, *Microbacterium* organisms, and the molds *Cryptococcus albidus* and members of the *Penicillium* genus. Use of these products may cause bacterial infection and can lead to sepsis, a potentially life-threatening complication of an infection. The recalled products are described below:

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The inks were manufactured, sold and distributed by A Thousand Virgins Corp. The G1, G2 and G3 grey wash tattoo inks were distributed nationwide and may be available for sale from international and online distributors.

As of today's date, there is no laboratory evidence matching microorganisms isolated from A Thousand Virgins tattoo inks to known cases of infection.

FDA Laboratory testing has found microbial contamination in the inks. Potentially pathogenic organisms were isolated and identified by the FDA.

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