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DATE: March 27, 2014

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

FROM: *A. Scott Gilliam*
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SUBJECT: BBM Chocolate Distributors, Ltd. – RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: CHOCOLAT Alprose 52% CACAO PREMIUM DARK CHOCOLATE, Alprose Swiss Chocolate Dark Chocolate and CHOCOLATE Alprose Napolitains

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; This recall has been initiated because the chocolate products may contain undeclared milk, a known allergen.

The chocolate product is packed in the following three ways:

- CHOCOLAT ALPROSE 52% CACAO PREMIUM DARK CHOCOLATE, within stand-up maroon colored gift box. NET WT 3.5 oz (100g). The UPC is 689423025038.
- Alprose Swiss Chocolate Dark Chocolate within a gold colored pillow gift box. NET WT 3.5 oz (100g). The UPC is 689423027308.
- CHOCOLAT Alprose NAPOLITAINS SWITZERLAND, bulk product within clear plastic bags of 230 pieces. NET WT. 1 Kg (35 oz). The UPC is 712963000354.

The three chocolate products were distributed nationwide to retail stores from January 2013 through March 2014.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at (718) 522-0689, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00am-5:00pm EST. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-3213.

Recall -- Firm Press Release



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essential public health services.

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.

BBM Chocolate Distributors, Ltd. Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk in "CHOCOLAT Alprose 52% CACAO PREMIUM DARK CHOCOLATE, Alprose Swiss Chocolate Dark Chocolate and CHOCOLAT Alprose NAPOLITAINS SWITZERLAND"

Contact:

Consumer:
718-522-0689

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 27, 2014 - BBM Chocolate Distributors, Ltd. of Brooklyn, NY is recalling "all lots" of CHOCOLAT Alprose 52% CACAO PREMIUM DARK CHOCOLATE, Alprose Swiss Chocolate Dark Chocolate and CHOCOLATE Alprose Napolitains because it may contain undeclared milk. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to milk run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products.

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No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The recall was initiated after the Canadian Food Inspection Agency discovered that this dark chocolate product contained milk, was distributed in packaging that did not list the presence of milk.

This does not affect the product's "KOSHER PAREVE" status.

Sale and distribution of these products have been halted, until FDA and our company is certain that the packaging of this product is corrected to list the right allergy information.

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