



**Indiana State
Department of Health**
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DATE: April 7, 2014

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

FROM: *A. Scott Gilliam*
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SUBJECT: Frontier Natural Products Co-op - RECALL [Food]

**AFFECTED
PRODUCT:** Several products manufactured with ORGANIC BLACK PEPPERCORNS

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; This recall is being initiated because there is a small risk of Salmonella contamination.

Below is the list of products containing the organic black peppercorn:

Brand	Full Product Name	Size/Weight	UPC Code	Lot Code
Frontier	Peppercorns Black Whole Black Organic	2.12oz	0-89836-18435-1	3246, 3288
Frontier	Peppercorns Black Whole Black Organic	25lbs	0-89836-82603-9	3226, 3288
Frontier	Peppercorns Black Whole Black Organic	16oz	0-89836-02603-3	3256
Whole Foods Market 365 Everyday Value	365 Organic Peppercorns, Black Whole	2.12oz	0-99482-44563-8	3246, 3287
Whole Foods Market 365 Everyday Value	365 Peppercorns, Black Whole	1.87oz	0-99482-44497-6	3287
Whole Foods Market 365 Everyday Value	365 Value Size Peppercorns, Black Whole	8.08oz	0-99482-44511-9	3260, 3267
Whole Foods Market 365 Everyday Value	365 Organic Black Peppercorns	2.12oz	0-99482-73914-0	3247

Simply Organic	Black Pepper Grinder	75grams	0-89836-19218-9	3260
Simply Organic	Black Peppercorns Organic	75grams	0-89836-19210-3	3221, 3262, 3294
Simply Organic	Black Pepper Whole Organic	2.65oz	0-89836-18524-2	3221, 3262
Simply Organic	Daily Grind, Certified Organic	2.65oz	0-89836-18263-0	3261

On foil bulk packages, the lot codes will be found on the front label directly above the UPC code. On bottled glass and plastic items, the lot codes can be found on the bottom of the bottle.

Recalled products were sold in all 50 states to distributors, retailers and consumers.

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Please contact Frontier with any questions or to inquire about replacement or reimbursement at 1-800-669-3275 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central time. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-3213.

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

Frontier Natural Products Co-op Initiates Voluntary Class 1 Recall Due to Possible Health Risk from Organic Black Peppercorns

Contact

Consumer:
1-800-669-3275

Media:
Anne Rierson, anne.rierson@frontiercoop.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - April 4, 2014 - Frontier Natural Products Co-op is voluntarily recalling several of its products manufactured with organic black peppercorns that were sold under its Frontier and Simply Organic brands, Whole Foods Market 365 Everyday Value, and others due to potential *Salmonella* contamination. To date, no illnesses have been associated with these products.

While the product in question was steam pasteurized at the source and tested negative for *Salmonella* by Frontier Natural Products Co-op, there is a small risk that *Salmonella* may still be present based on a positive, random test that was recently conducted. Frontier Natural Products Co-op is immediately initiating added precautions to the safety of the supply chain to mitigate any future occurrence.

Consumption of products containing *Salmonella* can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms) endocarditic and arthritis.

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Frontier Natural Products Co-op is initiating recall notices to our accounts who received any of the above recalled products with instructions for returning or destroying the recalled products and for notifying their customers of the recall. Consumers should not consume these products.

Please contact Frontier with any questions or to inquire about replacement or reimbursement at 1-800-669-3275 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central time.

Images of the products above can be seen by going to the following link:
<http://www.frontiercoop.com/recall>.

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Photo

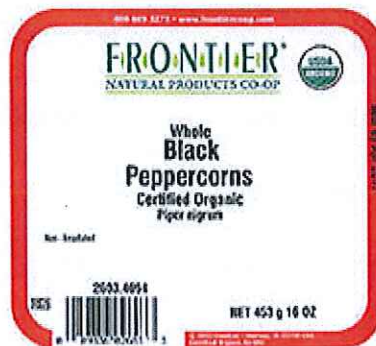


Urgent Class 1 Recall

Frontier Natural Products Co-op®
Black Peppercorns, Certified Organic



Package



Label

Item Number: 2603
Item Description: Peppercorns Black Whole, Cert. Org.
Lot Codes Affected: **3256**



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Urgent Class 1 Recall

Frontier Natural Products Co-op®
Black Peppercorns, Certified Organic



Package



Label

Item Number: 18435
Item Description: Black Peppercorns Whole,
Organic
Lot Codes Affected: 3246, 3288



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Frontier Natural Products Co-op®
Black Peppercorns, Certified Organic



25lb Box



Label

Item Number: 2603
Item Description: Peppercorns Black Whole, Cert. Org.
Lot Codes Affected: **3226, 3288**



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Urgent Class 1 Recall

Simply Organic®
French/English Black Pepper Grinder, Certified Organic

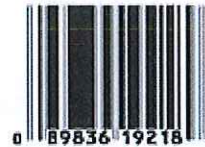


Package



Label

Item Number: 19218
Item Description: Black Peppercorns, Grinder,
French/English
Lot Codes Affected: **3260**



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Urgent Class 1 Recall

Simply Organic®
French/English Black Peppercorns Whole, Certified Organic



Package



Label

Item Number: 19210
Item Description: Black Peppercorns, French/English
Lot Codes Affected: **3221, 3262, 3294**



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Urgent Class 1 Recall

Simply Organic®
Black Peppercorns Whole, Certified Organic



Package



Label

Item Number: 18524
Item Description: Black Peppercorns
Lot Codes Affected: **3221, 3262**



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Urgent Class 1 Recall

Simply Organic®
Daily Grind, Certified Organic



Package



Label

Item Number: 18263
Item Description: Daily Grind
Lot Codes Affected: **3261**



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Urgent Class 1 Recall

Whole Foods 365 Organic
Black Peppercorns



Package



Label

Item Number: W050108
Item Description: 365 Organic Black Peppercorns
Lot Codes Affected: **3246, 3287**



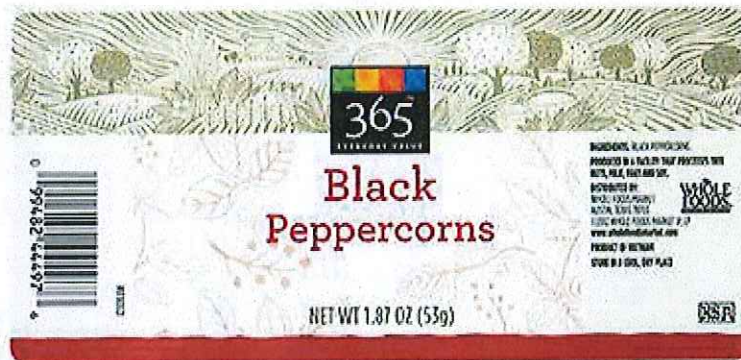
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Whole Foods 365
Black Peppercorns



Package



Label

Item Number: W050004
Item Description: 365 Black Peppercorns
Lot Codes Affected: **3287**



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Urgent Class 1 Recall

Whole Foods 365
Value Size Black Peppercorns



Package



Label

Item Number: W050507
Item Description: 365 Value Size Black Peppercorns Black
Lot Codes Affected: **3260, 3267**



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