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DATE: September 17, 2014
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: *Laurie Kidwell*
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SUBJECT: Gel Spice Company, Inc. - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: Fresh Finds-Ground Black Pepper

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; This product is being recalled because it has the possibility to be contaminated with Salmonella.

The recalled product was sold in 3.53 oz.(100 g) plastic jars with Best By Dates of 6/30/17, 7/01/17, 7/02/17, 7/22/17, and 7/23/17 with the Fresh Finds brand label with UPC Code 4 11010 98290 1 is sold exclusively at Big Lots Retail Stores, Inc. The Best By dates are printed on the neck of the bottle above the label.

The product was distributed via Big Lots Stores, Inc. nationwide.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. If you have the recalled product, please dispose of the product. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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.



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**Gel Spice Company, Inc. Issues A Voluntary Recall Of Fresh Finds
Brand Ground Black Pepper, 3.53 oz (100 g), Due To Possible
Salmonella Risk**

Contact:

Consumer:
718-702-1532

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - September 15, 2014 - Gel Spice Company, Inc., of Bayonne, NJ, is issuing a voluntary recall notice for 16,443 cases of Fresh Finds-Ground Black Pepper, 3.53 oz, plastic jars, because it has the possibility to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which 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), endocarditis and arthritis.

Product was distributed via Big Lots Stores, Inc. nationwide, with the exception of Alaska and Hawaii.

There are 16,443 cases of the recalled product sold in 3.53 oz.(100 g) plastic jars with Best By Dates of 6/30/17, 7/01/17, 7/02/17, 7/22/17, and 7/23/17 with the Fresh Finds brand label with UPC Code 4 11010 98290 1 is sold exclusively at Big Lots Retail Stores, Inc. The Best By dates are printed on the neck of the bottle above the label.

There have been no reported illnesses related to this product to date.

The recall was issued as the result of sampling by the FDA which revealed that the finished products contained the bacteria.

If you have the recalled product, please dispose of the product. No other size container or best by dates of Fresh Finds Ground Black Pepper are affected by this recall.

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