

Michael R. Pence Governor

Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH State Health Commissioner

DATE:

December 12, 2014

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

Laurie Kidwell, RRT Supervisor

Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Whalen's Horseradish Products, Inc. - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED

PRODUCT:

WHALEN'S SEAFOOD & BURGER SAUCE

SUMMARY:

Unclassified Recall; The recall has been initiated because the product contains <u>undeclared anchovy</u>, an

element of the Worcestershire Sauce used in the finished product.

The product was packaged in an 8 oz. clear glass bottle labeled "WHALEN'S SEAFOOD & BURGER SAUCE", and may be identified by a Sell by Date of 17 July, 2015 (stamped on a label located on top of the bottle).

The product does not have a UPC code.

The WHALEN'S SEAFOOD & BURGER SAUCE was distributed to consumers through on-line sales.

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers with fish allergies should not consume this product and should return it to the place of purchase for a refund. Consumers with questions may contact Whalen's Horseradish Products by phone at (518) 587-6404 Monday through Friday, 8 am to 6 pm ET. 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.



Whalen's Horseradish Products, Inc. Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Anchovy in

Whalen's Seafood & Burger Sauce

Contact:

Consumer: (518) 587-6404

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – December 9, 2014 – Whalen's Horseradish Products, Inc. of Galway, NY is recalling **WHALEN'S SEAFOOD & BURGER SAUCE**, because it contains <u>undeclared anchovy</u>, an element of the Worcestershire Sauce used in the finished product. People who have an allergy to fish run the risk of a serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume this product.

The WHALEN'S SEAFOOD & BURGER SAUCE was distributed to two wholesalers in New York, to consumers through on-line sales and to cash & carry customers at the Deerfield Christmas Sampler in Deerfield, Massachusetts on November 28, 29 and 30.

The product was packaged in an 8 oz. clear glass bottle labeled "WHALEN'S SEAFOOD & BURGER SAUCE", and may be identified by a Sell by Date of 17 July, 2015 (stamped on a label located on top of the bottle). The product does not have a UPC code. To date, the firm has been able to recover 23 bottles from the marketplace.

No illnesses have been reported to date.

The problem was discovered through a label review conducted on 12/05/2014 during an FDA inspection of the manufacturer which disclosed the omission. Subsequent investigation revealed that the batch containing the Worcestershire Sauce was the first batch produced with this ingredient and the label review process did not capture this change. The manufacturer will be correcting the product labeling on future orders.

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