

Mincing Overseas Spice Company Voluntarily Recalls Two Lots of Black Pepper

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 5, 2010 - Dayton, NJ - Mincing Overseas Spice Company of Dayton, New Jersey announced today that it is recalling black pepper Lots 3258 and 3309 because of possible contamination with *Salmonella*.

Salmonella is 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.

Black pepper was not distributed at retail level and was shipped to FL, IA, IL, IN, MA, OK, NJ, NY, PA, RI, TX and WI.

The black pepper was sold in 50 lb, 25 lb, and 20 lb cartons with Mincing Overseas Spice Company's name.

Mincing has decided to initiate this voluntary recall as a commitment to the safety and health of the public.

Customers that purchased black pepper from any parts of Lots 3258 and 3309 should place these lots or any spice blends made from these lots under their control on hold and contact Mincing Overseas Spice Company at 732-355-9944. With regard to any spice blends or other foods made from these lots, companies should contact their local FDA Recall Coordinator to determine the appropriate action and if a sub recall is needed.

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Contact:

Customer Service 866-670-9040

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 17, 2010 – Lewis Center, OH - As a result of a recall of Black Pepper by Mincing Overseas Spice Company, Spice Barn is recalling two lots of Black Pepper due to the possibility of contamination with *Salmonella*. *Salmonella* is a common food borne pathogen that can cause severe illnesses, including fever, abdominal cramps and diarrhea. While most individuals recover without medical intervention, the infection can be life-threatening in some cases such as young children, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems. There have been no reports of Salmonella-related illness to date in relation to these products.

The Products are:

Malabar Peppercorns Lot MTC-3258 in 1 and 5 Pound Bags
Distributed between: 1/26/10 to 2/8/10.

Ground Black Pepper Lot MO-3258T in 1 and 5 Pound Bags
Distributed between: 12/08/09 to 2/8/10.

All items packaged with this lot number are subject to this recall. The items were distributed to a small number of customers in the following states VT, NY, PA, MA, GA, VA, CA, TX, CO, MO, WA, FL, AL, MI, AZ, AR, WA. Spice Barn is contacting each customer directly and offering a replacement or refund. Consumers who have purchased these products are asked not to use them and to destroy the product. Consumers with questions regarding the products listed may call Spice Barn at 1-866-670-9040 8:30AM-2:30PM M-F(EST) and speak with customer service.

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Photos: Product Labels