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DATE: October 17, 2013

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

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Asia Cash & Carry Inc. [Food]

AFFECTED

PRODUCT(S): PRAN brand Spice Powder Turmeric; Net Wt. 8.82 oz./250 gm with UPC 8 31730 00551.
The affected date code is: Best Before: 02 SEP 14.

SUMMARY: Voluntary Recall; Asia Cash & Carry Inc. of Maspeth, New York is voluntarily recalling PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC, Net Wt. 8.82 oz. (250 gm) jars, because it was found to contain high levels of lead that could cause health problems to consumers, particularly infants, small children, and pregnant women if consumed. Recent analysis of the product found it contained 28 parts per million (ppm). One illness complaint has been received to date. PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC was distributed in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Illinois through retail stores.

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. This product was distributed in our neighboring state in Illinois. People concerned about blood lead levels should contact their physician to ask about testing. Consumers who have purchased the affected PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC are urged not to consume the product and return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-718-894-2505, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm ET.

The US Food and Drug Administration has been advised of this action. Adverse reactions or quality problems experienced with the use of this product may be reported to the FDA: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/HowToReport/default.htm>
Online (form available to fax or mail), or call FDA 1-800-FDA-1088

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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To promote and provide
essential public health services.

**Asia Cash & Carry Inc. Recalls PRAN Brand Spice Powder Turmeric
Due to Elevated Levels of Lead**

Contact

Consumer:
1-718-894-2505

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - October 8, 2013 - Asia Cash & Carry Inc. of Maspeth, New York is voluntarily recalling PRAN brand Spice Powder TURMERIC, Net Wt. 8.82 oz. (250 gm) jars, because it was found to contain high levels of lead that could cause health problems to consumers, particularly infants, small children, and pregnant women if consumed. Recent analysis of the product found it contained 28 parts per million (ppm).

Lead can accumulate in the body over time. Too much can cause health problems, including delayed mental and physical development and learning deficiencies. Pregnant women, infants and young children especially should avoid exposure to lead. People concerned about blood lead levels should contact their physician or health clinic to ask about testing.

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This product is packed in a clear plastic jar with yellow plastic lid: Net Wt. 8.82 oz./250 gm with UPC 8 31730 00551. The affected date code is: BEST BEFORE: 02 SEP 14.

One illness complaint has been received to date. The recall was initiated after it was discovered that product contained high levels of lead based on sampling by New York State Health Department and private laboratory testing.

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