

Update: Gel Spice, Inc. Issues Expanded Recall of Ground Turmeric Powder Due to Elevated Lead Levels

For Immediate Release

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Contact

Consumers

(201) 564-0435

Announcement

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Gel Spice, Inc. is expanding its recall of ground turmeric powder to include additional brands because of elevated lead levels. 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.

The additional products being recalled are identified in the table below.

Spice Select/8 oz	03/18/19	076114007730
Market Pantry/0.95 oz	05APR2019	085239211038
Gel/15 oz	04/18/19	076114800867
Gel/15 oz	05/16/19	076114800867
Clear Value /0.75oz	04/27/19	036800354920
Lieber's/2 oz	05/13/19	043427006361
Spice Supreme/2 oz	05/17/19	076114364628

The products were distributed by various retailers throughout the United States.

Sampling and testing of another product, produced from the same bulk turmeric, revealed the elevated level of lead.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

Consumers who have purchased the ground turmeric powders identified above should discard the product. Consumers with questions about the recalled product may call (201) 564-0435 between the hours of 8 AM to 4 PM Eastern Time, Monday-Friday.

[Original FDA Recall Page](#)

*** We believe that none of the products being recalled were processed or offered through the national office.**

- * We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.
- * ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.
- * For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

For full details on the recall, please

visit: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm515328.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

If you have questions, please contact Wayne Melichar, Food Safety Manager, at wmelichar@feedingamerica.org or 312.629.7263.