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### **EHS Circular Letter 2016-38**

**TO:** Directors of Health  
Chief Sanitarians  
Regional Lead Treatment Centers  
Lead Contacts

**FROM:** Christine Hahn, Epidemiologist  
Lead & Healthy Homes Program

**DATE:** August 26, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Oriental Packing Co. Inc. Issues Alert On Lead In Curry Powder

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On August 18, 2016 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a recall of approximately 377,000 pounds of curry powder contaminated with lead. The product was produced by the Oriental Packing Co., Inc. and distributed by five different brands through the United States. Oriental Packing Co., Inc. has ceased the production and distribution of the product. No amount of lead is safe to ingest, therefore all use of these products should cease immediately.

The five brands that distributed the curry powder are: Blue Mountain Brand, Jamaican Choice Brand, Ocho Rios Brand, Oriental Brand, and Grace Brand. The size of the product bottles include 2oz, 4oz, 6oz, 8oz, 22oz and 5 lb. The product can also be identified by the lot numbers and best before date listed in the charts below.

Consumers with questions may contact Oriental Packing Company: 800-809-9793. The recall can be found at:

[www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm517333.htm?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm517333.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

You may also contact the CT Department of Public Health Lead & Healthy Homes Program at 860-509-7299.

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<b>HOT/SPICY LOT NUMBERS BEST BEFORE DATE: 11/1/18 through 6/29/19</b>								
12516	21616	31616	40216	42116	51816	60316	62416	111915
12616	21716	31916	40816	42216	51916	61316	62716	
12716	22216	32319	41216	42716	52316	61416	62916	
12916	30116	32416	41316	42816	53116	61516	120115	
20316	30516	32516	41416	42916	60116	61616	120215	
20916	30716	32616	42016	51716	60216	62316	120315	

<b>MILD LOT NUMBERS BEST BEFORE DATE: 11/1/18 through 6/29/19</b>								
12516	20316	21716	31516	40216	41916	51516	60716	62716
12616	20416	22216	31816	40316	41416	51616	61316	62816
12716	20516	22616	31916	40416	42016	52716	61416	120316
12816	20816	30216	32216	40516	42116	53116	61516	120315
13016	20916	30516	32416	40716	42216	60216	61616	112015
20116	21216	30716	32516	41216	42516	60316	62216	112315
20216	21316	31416	32916	41316	50316	60616	62316	

<b>HOT/SPICY JERK LOT NUMBER BEST BEFORE DATE: 11/1/18 through 6/29/19</b>
013016

<b>MILD JERK LOT NUMBER BEST BEFORE DATE: 11/1/18 through 6/29/19</b>
041416

**Blue Mountain Brand**

Blue Mountain Country Jamaican Curry Powder,  
 Blue Mountain Country Hot Jamaican Curry Powder,  
 Blue Mountain Country Hot Jamaican Jerk Curry Seasoning,

**Jamaican Choice Brand**

Jamaican Choice Jamaican Curry Powder  
 Jamaican Choice Jamaican Hot Curry Powder,

**Ocho Rios Brand**

Ocho Rios Jamaica Nice Curry Powder Seasoning  
 Ocho Rios Jamaica Nice Spicy Hot Curry Powder Seasoning  
 Ocho Rios Spicy Jerk Curry Seasoning  
 Ocho Rios Mild Jerk Curry Seasoning  
 Ocho Rios Jamaican Style Curry Powder  
 Ocho Rios Hot 'N Spicy Jamaican Style Curry Powder

**Oriental Brand**

Oriental Brand Grade A Jamaican Curry Powder,  
 Oriental Brand Grade A Jamaican Curry Powder Hot & Spicy

**Grace Brand**

Grace Jamaican Style Mild Curry Powder,  
 Grace Jamaican Style Hot Curry Powder,  
 Grace Caribbean Tradition Curry Powder,  
 Grace Caribbean Tradition Hot Curry Powder,