



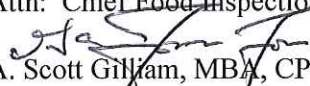
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State Health Commissioner

DATE: May 29, 2012

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

FROM: 
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Hocean, Inc. Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; All Nitre Powder 4oz plastic bags because it has the potential to be contaminated with higher levels of sodium nitrite; Information provided in case of consumer inquiry.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was distributed in the neighboring State of Ohio. Nitre Powder was distributed to Asian food markets and other grocery stores from July 2008 to February 2010 in California, Texas, Oregon, Nebraska, Georgia, Florida, Colorado, Oklahoma, Washington, New Mexico, Ohio, Arizona, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia.

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.

Hocean Inc. Recalls Nitre Power 4oz Plastic Bags Because of Possible Health Risks

Contact:

Consumer:
Hocean, Inc.
323-838-1788

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - May 25, 2012 - HOCEAN, INC. of Commerce City, CA is recalling **all Nitre Powder 4oz plastic bags with UPC 0 45027 97918 2**, because it has the potential to be contaminated with higher levels of sodium nitrite. Consumption of hazardous amounts of sodium nitrites can lead to life-threatening illness and/or death.

Nitre Powder was distributed to Asian food markets and other grocery stores from July 2008 to February 2010 in California, Texas, Oregon, Nebraska, Georgia, Florida, Colorado, Oklahoma, Washington, New Mexico, Ohio, Arizona, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia. **Nitre Powder** was packed in a clear green acrylic plastic bag with a clear window. A logo of a sail boat appears in the top left corner and marking of Selected Product is in the top right corner with UPC 0 45027 97918 2.

The Food and Drug Administration contacted Hocean, Inc. after receiving a complaint. When a tested sample resulted in confirmation of high levels of sodium nitrite, Hocean, Inc. agreed to voluntarily recall this product and is cooperating with the FDA in this matter. Consumers are urged to return this product to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 323-838-1788, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

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