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DATE: December 22, 2011
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
(Signature)
FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Starwest Botanicals Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: **Unclassified Recall; Starwest Organic Celery Seed (Whole) because it has potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.**

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. The product was sold by several different methods. It was either shipped directly to on-line or mail order consumers, or held for pickup by consumers at Starwest Botanicals. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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.

**Starwest Botanicals Recalls Starwest Organic Celery Seed.
Due to Potential Salmonella Contamination.**

Contact:
Consumer:
1-800-800-4372

Media:
Melissa Waters

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - December 14, 2011 - Starwest Botanicals is voluntarily recalling Starwest Organic Celery Seed (Whole) because it has potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The product is packaged in Mylar 1lb and 2 oz pouches. *Salmonella* is an organism that 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 entering the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e. infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The product was sold by several different methods. It was either shipped directly to on-line or mail order consumers, or held for pickup by consumers at Starwest Botanicals. The product was sold between April 26, 2011 and December 14, 2011.

This recall includes the following:

- Starwest Botanicals Celery Seed (Whole) 2oz. with UPC 7-6796310619-3 and lot number F7073 found on the bottom of the pouch.
- Starwest Botanicals Celery Seed (Whole) 1 pound with UPS 7-6796307864-3 and lot number 40203 found on the bottom of the pouch.

Starwest Botanicals became aware of the potential contamination after being notified by a customer.

No other Starwest spices have been affected by this voluntary recall. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this voluntary recall.

Consumers in possession of this recalled product may return it to Starwest Botanicals in Rancho Cordova CA for a full refund. Consumers or media with questions should contact Starwest at 1-800-800-4372 (Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm PST).

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