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DATE: December 19, 2011
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: *DLL*
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Swanson Health Products Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: **Unclassified Recall; Recalling Swanson Organic Celery Seed (Whole) which is packaged in plastic bottles with a net weight of 1.4 oz. (40 grams) because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella; Information is provided in case of consumer inquiry.**

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. It was either sold at the Swanson Health Products retail store, 109 Broadway N., Fargo, ND, shipped directly to on-line or mail-order consumers, or held for pick up by the consumer at Swanson Health Products headquarters. The product was sold between June 16, 2011, and December 16, 2011.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

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Swanson Health Products Recalls Swanson Organic Celery Seed

Contact:
Consumer:
B&M, Inc.
1-877-321-5852

Swanson Health Products Customer Care
1-800-451-9304

Media:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - December 16, 2011 - Swanson Health Products is voluntarily recalling Swanson Organic Celery Seed (Whole) which is packaged in plastic bottles with a net weight of 1.4 oz. (40 grams) because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella.

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 sold at the Swanson Health Products retail store, 109 Broadway N., Fargo, ND, shipped directly to on-line or mail-order consumers, or held for pick up by the consumer at Swanson Health Products headquarters. The product was sold between June 16, 2011, and December 16, 2011.

The lot number of Swanson Health Products Brand Celery Seed (Whole) with code UPC 0-8761424048-0 included in this recall is BESTBY03JUN2013 1541102C. The lot number and Best By date can be found on the bottom of the bottle.

Swanson Health Products became aware of the potential contamination after being notified by its supplier, B & M, Inc., Mount Vernon, Missouri. B & M, Inc. had earlier learned of the potential contamination from its supplier.

No other Swanson 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 voluntarily recalled product may return it to Swanson Health Products headquarters in Fargo, North Dakota, for a full refund. Consumers or media with questions should contact B&M, Inc. at 1-877-321-5852 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm CST) or Swanson Health Products Customer Care at 1-800-451-9304 (Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm).

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