



DATE: December 12, 2013

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

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SUBJECT: Blooming Import, Inc. [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: **Golden Lion Brand Dried Ziziphus Jujuba Mill (Dried Dates)** comes in 12oz clear plastic bags with the following UPC Code 734765040086.

SUMMARY: **Unclassified Recall;** They contain undeclared sulfites. People who have severe sensitivity to sulfites run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reactions if they consume this product. The product was sold nationwide. Product of China. The Consumption of 10 milligrams of sulfites per serving has been reported to elicit severe reactions in some asthmatics.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers who have purchased **Golden Lion Brand Dried Ziziphus Jujuba Mill (Dried Dates)** should return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 718-625-6868, Kent Tan, Blooming Import Inc. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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.

Blooming Import Inc. Issues an Alert on Undeclared Sulfites in Golden Lion Brand Dried Ziziphus Jujuba Mill (Dried Dates)

Contact
Consumer:

718-625-6868

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - December 11, 2013 - Blooming Import Inc at 45 Bowne Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231 is recalling **Golden Lion Brand Dried Ziziphus Jujuba Mill (Dried Dates)** because they contain undeclared sulfites. People who have severe sensitivity to sulfites run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reactions if they consume this product.

The recalled **Golden Lion Brand Dried Ziziphus Jujuba Mill (Dried Dates)** comes in 12oz clear plastic bags with the following UPC Code 734765040086. The product was sold nationwide. Product of China.

The recall was initiated after a routine sampling by NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Food Inspectors and subsequent analysis of the product by Food Laboratory personnel revealed the presence of sulfites in packages of Golden Lion Brand Dried Ziziphus Jujuba Mill (Dried Dates) which did not declare sulfites on the label. The Consumption of 10 milligrams of sulfites per serving has been reported to elicit severe reactions in some asthmatics.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem. Consumers who have purchased **Golden Lion Brand Dried Ziziphus Jujuba Mill (Dried Dates)** should return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 718-625-6868, Kent Tan, Blooming Import Inc.

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