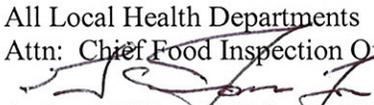




DATE: December 7, 2011

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

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

SUBJECT: Mars Food US Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; **UNCLE BEN'S® Whole Grain White Rice Garden Vegetable** due to an undeclared milk allergen; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. This product was distributed through retail stores in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Vermont and Wisconsin. 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.

Mars Food US Recalls Two Date Codes of UNCLE BEN'S Whole Grain White Rice Garden Vegetable Due to Undeclared Milk

Contact:
Consumer:
1-800-548-6253

Media:
Pam Krebs
562-616-7523

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - December 6, 2011 - Mars Food US today issued a voluntary recall of two date codes of UNCLE BEN's® Whole Grain White Rice Garden Vegetable due to an undeclared milk allergen. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to milk run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products. No other flavors of UNCLE BEN's® Whole Grain White Rice or any other UNCLE BEN's® products are affected.

This product was distributed through retail stores in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Vermont and Wisconsin.

The recall only affects UNCLE BEN's® Whole Grain White Rice Garden Vegetable 4.7 oz. (133 g) boxes with the following:

UPC code of 54800 40778
Best before: 08/12
Code dates: 133BA4RP06 and 133BB4RP06

An ingredient supplier improperly included an undeclared milk ingredient in the seasoning mix used for this product. Consumers with milk allergies are advised not to eat the product. All consumers should return the product to the store where it was purchased for a full refund.

Mars Food US has not received any reports of illness or other consumer complaints related to this matter.

Consumers with additional questions should call the UNCLE BEN'S Consumer Care line at: 1-800-548-6253, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (EST) Monday – Friday, or visit www.unclebens.com¹.

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