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Olde Westport Spice Announces a Voluntary Recall of Garden Harvest Special Blend Seasoning

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 9, 2010 - Olathe, Kan – Olde Westport Spice announced that it is voluntarily recalling 5- and 10-oz. jars and 20-oz. bags of Garden Harvest Special Blend Seasoning because an ingredient used in the product has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

Salmonella is an organism which 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 getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The Special Blend Seasoning was sold online at www.oldwestportspice.com[1], at food and craft shows in Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas and Colorado and at limited specialty gift shops located in Kansas and Missouri.

The Olde Westport Special Blend does not have any codes on the packaging to identify the product affected by the recall. Therefore, if Garden Harvest Special Blend Seasoning was purchased from November 1, 2009 thru February 28, 2010, it is to be recalled.

There have been no reports of illnesses associated with the identified products and no other Olde Westport products are affected by this recall.

Olde Westport Spice was notified by its supplier, Basic Food Flavors, Inc., of the recall of an ingredient used in this product due to potential *Salmonella* contamination. Because the safety of consumers is a top priority, Olde Westport Spice has voluntarily recalled its Special Blend. Olde Westport Spice is working closely with Food and Drug Administration to conduct this voluntary recall.

Consumers who have purchased the Garden Harvest Special Blend Seasoning are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions about the recall may contact Ann Myers at 913-915-0936 or at annmyers@oldewestportspice.com.

- We believe that none of the products being recalled were processed or offered through the national office.
- We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.
- ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.
- For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

For full details on the recall, please visit: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm204069.htm

If you have questions, please contact William Hellman, Director of Food Safety, at whellman@feedingamerica.org or 312.641.6875.

About Feeding America Recall Notices

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