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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA  
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2010-31

Date: April 14, 2010

**MY-A & CO. RECALLS GROUND BLACK PEPPER DOUBLE GOLDEN FISH 3.5OZ JARS DUE  
TO SALMONELLA CONTAMINATION**

MY-A & CO. of Cheverly, MD is recalling its 3.5oz jars of Ground Black Pepper Double Golden Fish because they may be contaminated with *Salmonella*, 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 product comes in a 3.5oz plastic jar with no product codes on the jars. The recalled products were distributed in retail stores in 11 states, (GA, TX, IL, MD, VA, NC, OH, NY, MA, ME, FL).

The contamination was discovered after a routine inspection by the State of New York Department of Agriculture revealed the presence of Salmonella in some 3.5oz jars of Ground Black Pepper.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem. Consumers who have purchased the 3.5oz jars of Ground Black Pepper are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at (301) 322-1237 and ask for Jessica Moynihan.