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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2010-08a12

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**Perfect Candy & Packaging Co. Announces a Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Whole Black Pepper in H.D.W. FOODS Labeled Bags**

As a result of a nationwide recall of Black Pepper by Mincing Overseas Spice Company and by Dutch Valley Food Distributors, Perfect Candy & Packaging Co is joining in this product recall due to the possibility of contamination 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.

Perfect Candy & Packaging Co. has issued a voluntary recall for the following product with an H.D.W. Foods Inc. label.

Whole Black Peppercorns, 2.0 oz Bags UPC# 080869654293

This item packaged and sold within the parameters mentioned is subject to this recall. The item was distributed nationwide. Retailers are advised to remove this product from store shelves. Consumers who have purchased these products are asked to destroy them. Consumers with questions regarding the product listed may call Perfect Candy & Packaging Co at 610-373-3253 and speak with customer service. For more information on FDA's ongoing investigation, visit the FDA's website at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).<sup>1</sup>