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SUBJECT: FDA alert concerning certain cinnamon products due to presence of elevated levels of lead

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On March 6, 2024, FDA released an alert concerning certain cinnamon products due to the presence of elevated lead levels. Through product testing, FDA has determined that the ground cinnamon products listed in the link below to contain elevated levels of lead. Prolonged exposure to products with elevated lead levels in the diet could contribute to adverse health effects. FDA will update their notices with recall information from firms that voluntarily agree to recall the affected product.

Based off information provided in the link below, affected establishments in MO are Save-A-Lot, Dollar Tree and Family Dollar stores. Once an official recall is posted by the FDA with stores affected in MO, this recall will be classified as a Class I High Priority recall with a 2 business day follow-up. Though an official recall has yet to be published by the FDA with

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stores affecting MO, we request that LPHAs proceed to follow-up with these stores in their jurisdiction, complete the appropriate recall documentation and submit to RetailFood@health.mo.gov as a priority. State and local inspectors should reach out to their DHSS District Supervisors if assistance is needed.

Resources:

- FDA Alert: https://www.fda.gov/food/alerts-advisories-safety-information/fda-alert-concerning-certain-cinnamon-products-due-presence-elevated-levels-lead?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- Recall Follow-Up Report and Recall Follow-Up Summary forms: <https://dhssnet.state.mo.us/dcph/forms.php>

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