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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Colonna Brothers, Inc. Issues a Voluntary Recall for “1.5oz Marcum Ground Cinnamon & 2.25oz Supreme Tradition Ground Cinnamon” Because of Possible Health Risk Due to Elevated Lead Levels

1. **REFERENCE:** DHA-MSR 6025.01/AR 40-660/ DLAR 6025.01/NAVSUPINST 10110.8D/AFI 48-161_IP/MCO 10110.38D, DOD Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System, 6 September 2018.
2. **COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT:** Colonna Brothers of North Bergen, NJ is recalling its 1.5oz Marcum Ground Cinnamon & 2.25oz Supreme Tradition Ground Cinnamon because of a possible health risk due to elevated lead levels. Short term exposures to very low levels of lead may not elicit any symptoms. It is possible that increased blood lead levels may be the only apparent sign of lead exposure. Additional signs and symptoms of lead exposure are more likely with acute exposure to higher levels of lead or chronic exposure to lead. The effects depend upon the amount and duration of lead exposure and age/ body weight. If a child is exposed to enough lead for a protracted period of time (e.g., weeks to months) permanent damage to the central nervous system may occur. This can result in learning disorders, developmental defects, and other long-term health problems. For adults, chronic lead exposure is associated with kidney dysfunction, hypertension, and neurocognitive effects.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with these products.

The recall was the result of a targeted sampling program of discount brands by the FDA, following heightened sensitivity around Cinnamon. Colonna Brothers is participating in this recall voluntarily as requested by the FDA. Colonna Brother’s has not violated any Federal guidelines/legislation/laws regarding levels of lead in Cinnamon/Spice nor any protocols requiring testing for heavy metals. The FDA is stating that the lot codes above contain elevated levels of lead that the FDA deems a potential health risk.

Colonna Brothers has voluntarily ceased the production and distribution of all Cinnamon.

3. **PRODUCTS AFFECTED:** The Cinnamon was distributed nationwide through retail stores and mail order. The products come in a clear plastic jar labeled with either “Marcum Cinnamon

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Ground 1.5oz” or “Supreme Tradition Ground Cinnamon 2.25oz”. Only the following lot codes (found on the jar above the label - below the cap) were affected:

1.5oz Marcum Ground Cinnamon	Best By:10/16/25 10DB
1.5oz Marcum Ground Cinnamon	Best By: 04/06/25 0400B1
2.25oz Supreme Tradition Ground Cinnamon	09/29/25 09E8
2.25oz Supreme Tradition Ground Cinnamon	04/17/25 04E11
2.25oz Supreme Tradition Ground Cinnamon	12/19/25 12C2
2.25oz Supreme Tradition Ground Cinnamon	04/12/25 04ECB12
2.25oz Supreme Tradition Ground Cinnamon	08/24/25 08A
2.25oz Supreme Tradition Ground Cinnamon	04/21/25 04E5
2.25oz Supreme Tradition Ground Cinnamon	09/22/2025 09E20

4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES:



5. **CONTACT INFORMATION:** Consumers who have purchased the Supreme Tradition Ground Cinnamon or Marcum Ground Cinnamon, with the lot codes listed above, can discard it or return it to the store for a full refund. Anyone concerned they may have been exposed to lead, should contact their healthcare provider to report their symptoms. Consumers with questions may contact us at 201-864-1115 between the hours of 9-5 EST.

6. **POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FINDINGS.**

a. **Army Veterinary Services and Air Force Public Health Personnel:** Report negative and positive findings in the Veterinary Service Information Management System (VSIMS) Subsistence Recalls application. If you are not in one of these two groups, please use the instructions below (paragraphs b-d).

b. **Navy:**

1) **SHIPS AT SEA:** Must report positive and negative findings to supporting Veterinary Service unit. Are authorized to destroy or dispose of recalled products utilizing the procedures and reporting requirements outlined in NAVSUP P-486 Paragraph 5302 and 6000(4), to include completion of a DD Form 200 and Standard Form 364. Procedures for completing the DD Form 200 are found in NAVSUP P-486 Paragraph 6001. Procedures for completing Standard Form 364 are found in NAVSUP P-486 Paragraph 5300(2)(c).

2) **SHIPS IN PORT/HOMEPORTED/ASHORE GALLEYS:** Supporting Veterinary Service unit will conduct inspection and report positive and negative findings in VSIMS Subsistence Recalls application. Contact the appropriate DLA Account Manager via Regional NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (NAVSUP FLC) to arrange pickup of recall items. Contact your supporting (NAVSUP FLC) for any issues regarding PV Pickup. Proceed with the same guidance in the paragraph above.

c. **Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Contractors:** Report positive and negative findings to your Contracting Officer, Contracting Specialist, TVLS, and dscpconssafofc@dla.mil within 72-hours. Positive Response Information required: (Vendor must provide all the following information):

- 1) ALFOODACT 202X-XXX
- 2) DLA Contract Number:
- 3) Unit of Measure:
- 4) Quantity Currently in Stock:
- 5) List of customers that received product AND (a-h) for each customer:
 - a) Customer name and location:
 - b) DLA Purchase Order Number:
 - c) Vendor Invoice Number:
 - d) Item Stock number (LSN, NSN):
 - e) Quantity Shipped:
 - f) Date Shipped:

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- g) Value of Affected Product:
- h) Amount of credit due:

d. **AAFES, MWR, NEX, MCCS, DeCA, DLA, dining facilities, and all other agencies,** report your findings in accordance with the procedures outlined by your agency.

7. If you know of others who need to receive Subsistence Recall messages, click [Subscribe](#) (Add the following to an email if the link does not work; Subject: Subscribe to Subsistence Recall Notifications, Email address: usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-vsims@health.mil). If you no longer need to receive Subsistence Recall messages, click [Unsubscribe](#) (Add the following to an email if the link does not work; Subject: Unsubscribe from Subsistence Recall Notifications, Email address: usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-vsims@health.mil).

8. Previous recalls are available on the DLA-TS Food Safety Office website:
<https://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodSafety/fso/ALFOODACT/>.

9. Point of contact for ALFOODACT messages is the undersigned at commercial telephone 215-737-0329/DSN: 312-444-0329, or dscpconssafofc@dlamail.

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