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TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

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SUBJECT: Dried Pachyrhizus

From the information provided by New York State Department of Agriculture, the recalled product was distributed in the State of Indiana. Distribution information has not been provided. Information is provided in case of consumer inquiries.

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LION PAVILION ISSUES ALERT ON UNDECLARED SULFITES IN GRASSPLOT BRAND DRIED PACHYRHIZUS

LION PAVILION LTD. of Brooklyn, NY is recalling 8 ounce packages of Grassplot brand Dried Pachyrhizus because they contain undeclared sulfites. Consumers who have severe sensitivity to sulfites run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reactions if they consume this product.

The product comes in an uncoded 8 ounce, clear plastic package. The recalled packages of Grassplot brand Dried Pachyrhizus were distributed nationwide. It is a product of China.

The recall was initiated after routine sampling by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Food Inspectors and subsequent analysis by Food Laboratory personnel revealed the presence of sulfites in the 8 ounce package of Grassplot brand Dried Pachyrhizus which were not declared on the label. The consumption of 10 milligrams of sulfites per serving has been reported to elicit severe reactions in some asthmatics. Anaphylactic shock could occur in certain sulfite sensitive individuals upon ingesting 10 milligrams or more of sulfites.

No illnesses or allergic reactions involving this product have been reported to date. Consumers who have purchased 8 ounce packages of Grassplot brand Dried Pachyrhizus are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-718-384-6951.

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