



16.10.2024

ACTION REQUIRED	
PRODUCT WITHDRAWAL NOTIFICATION	
Product Name and Description (including pack size):	Mustard, (powder, flour, seeds), Curry Powders, Seasonings and Spice Blends containing mustard (see subsequent table for details).
Product Identifying	All Batch Numbers. Any items purchased up to and including 30 th September 2024 All products with a best before date up to and including 30.09.2026
Product type:	Ingredient – Mustard containing Spices and Blends Thereof
Reason for	Risk of Environmental Peanut Cross-Contamination
Type of packaging, possibly including	All packaging formats in all sizes

Incident Overview:

Recent investigation findings and testing has revealed the presence of peanut traces in certain batches of mustard-containing products. From our investigations thus far, it is likely that the issue is likely based at agricultural levels and therefore no specific timeframe can be applied prior to these detections. Given the serious allergenic nature of peanuts, this poses a potential risk to consumers, particularly those with severe peanut allergies.

Our Indian supplier, from whom we purchased the majority of our mustard, had not recognized that there was a risk of peanut cross contamination from farms and markets they purchased from, and this information was not on the specification document sent. Occasionally we purchased this product from the UK market and were not careful enough in checking specifications for these products. Not all these specifications referenced peanuts, however.

Applying an abundance of caution, due to the severity of some people's reactions to this allergen, FGS Ingredients has taken the decision to withdraw all stock sold up to and including 30th September 2024.



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In cases where these ingredients have been directly or indirectly included in retail products, impacted products should also be recalled to ensure consumer safety. These new measures reflect our commitment to the highest standards of food safety and allergen management.

HACCP Allergen Control Improvement

We have identified a gap in our previous system, where precautionary allergen statements were not systematically observed in all cases. This meant that in certain instances, precautionary allergen information from suppliers was not fully relayed to our customer specifications. We have addressed this issue by implementing stricter verification procedures to ensure that all relevant allergen information is properly conveyed. This change ensures that precautionary allergen labels are consistently applied and communicated throughout the distribution process, minimizing the risk to consumers and enhancing overall food safety.

As part of our continuous efforts to strengthen food safety, we have recently enhanced our HACCP systems to scrutinize allergen information for all incoming products. This includes a more rigorous review of precautionary allergen labelling and statements provided by our suppliers, ensuring that any such information is clearly communicated in the onwards distribution of these products to our customers. This improvement is designed to prevent any risk of allergen cross-contamination and ensure full transparency in our supply chain.

Actions Taken by FGS Ingredients:

Allergen Testing: We have implemented additional allergen testing for all mustard-related products before dispatch to ensure safety and compliance.

Updated Labelling: To mitigate the risk of cross-contamination, we are now including a “may contain Tree-nuts and peanuts” statement on all bulk and retail packaging of mustard products where risk assessments indicate it has not been possible to eliminate this risk and this reflects also on our specifications.

By reinforcing these procedures, we aim to minimize the risk of allergen exposure and provide greater transparency, allowing our customers to make informed decisions about the products they receive. This enhancement strengthens our commitment to food safety and allergen control throughout the supply chain.



<p>Full Product Name and SKU code information:</p> <p>NOTE: All batches and sizes of the following blends mentioned here might be affected, even though FGS may not have supplied some of them directly.</p>	<p>Single Ingredients:</p> <p>Ground Mustard Yellow-2264, Mustard Flour Blend - 2437, Mustard Blend - 2803, Mustard Powder HT - 3979, Mustard Seeds Brown Cracked-2314, Mustard Seeds Brown HT - 1278, Mustard Seeds Yellow Cracked-2315, Mustard Seeds Yellow HT - 2335, Mustard Seeds Yellow-2265, Mustard Flour Blend - 4063, Mustard Seed Brown Cracked -4007, Mustard Seeds Black - 2261, Mustard Seeds Black HT - 1384, Mustard Seeds Brown -2262, Mustard Seeds Brown Indian -1638, Mustard Seeds Split(Rai Kuria) - 2263, Mustard Seeds Yellow -1642, Mustard Seeds Yellow -1640, Mustard Seeds Yellow European -1641</p> <p>Seasonings:</p> <p>All Purpose Seasoning Without MSG - 2685, All Purpose Seasoning-4011, Beef & Pork Seasoning-2065, Bombay Mix Snack Seasoning - 5619, Cajun Seasoning-4031, Fajita Seasoning-4301, Lemon Pepper Seasoning -4171, Lemon Pepper Seasoning B2-4172, Steak Seasoning-4182, Pilaf Rice Seasoning - 4281, Tropical Seasoning - 6570</p> <p>Spice Blends:</p> <p>Achar Masala-1039, Bang Curry Bhaji - 4388, Basar Mix-3014, Beef Steak Spice- 6917, Biryani Masala without Garlic-2717, Biryani Masala-3021, Chicken Coater Hot & Spicy - 5051, Chicken Coater - 4336, Chicken Coater Hot & Spicy-5160, Chicken Coater Traditional -5161, Chicken Fry Hot & Spicy - 5054 , Chinese Chicken Curry Spice Blend - 4358, Custom Blend- 4162, Hot BBQ Rub Mix - 4646, Custom Blend-1540, Korean BBQ - 4384, Korma Masala-3081 ,Lemon & Herb Piri-Piri Rub - 4018, Achari Chicken -4399, Achari Ghost Masala - 4392, Blend 1 HT - 3106, Blend 1-3099, Bombay Biryani - 3759, Chana Masala - 4415, Chicken Fry Mix Achari - 3753, Chicken Fry Mix Hot & Spicy -3754, Chicken Fry Mix Original -3751, Chicken Fry mix Peri-Peri - 3755, Chicken Fry Mix Tandoori - 3752, Custom Blend1-2772, Sindhi Biryani - 3761, Original Chicken Coater - 5052, Punch Puran-2340, Tikka Mix - 2970, Traditional BBQ-1480, BBQ Rub Mix - 4645, Biryani Masala Ground -3693, KORMA-HT - 4156, Bombay Potato Mix - 3022, Cajun Chip Salt - 4428, Chicken Masala -3031, Double Hot Chicken Coater -4382, Korean BBQ - 4384, MIX C6 Korma Masala HT -3216, Achari Chicken -4399, Cheese Dunking</p>
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<p>Action required by when: (specify action by customer channel if different)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cease distribution and sale of any of the batch numbers mentioned above immediately. Segregate these from unaffected stock and ensure they are clearly identified.• If any of these batches have been sold on, you should urgently contact all customers who have received any of these withdrawn batches and advise them of this withdrawal.• Where product has reached the final consumer, a product recall is required, and point of sale notices should be displayed to alert consumers.• We will contact you to discuss this withdraw with you and arrange to collect any residual stock you have• Your Local Authority should be notified, you may opt, where relevant to also inform your primary authority.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Food Standards Agency, (FSA), is required to be informed by the Local Authorities, you may find it helpful to notify them directly, by filling in the incident notification form, on the business section of our website, quoting the incident reference number I-008-227.
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