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Press Release

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DEC Warns Consumers to Check Labels of Annie's Naturals Shiitake & Sesame Vinaigrette Dressing

Risk of adverse reactions to undeclared allergens- soy, soy sauce (contains soy and wheat) and sesame seeds.

The Department of Environmental Conservation is warning consumers with allergies to check their pantries for 8 fl. oz. bottles of Annie's Naturals Shiitake & Sesame Vinaigrette Dressing. The product may be mislabeled and contain ingredients not listed on the reverse label such as soy, wheat and sesame seeds. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to soy, wheat or sesame seeds run the risk of an allergic reaction if they consume this product.

There have been no illnesses or injuries reported to date. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact a physician immediately.

Affected product was shipped to grocery and natural food stores, between December 20, 2007 and February 6, 2008.

Consumers can identify the product by looking at the labels – the front label says Shiitake & Sesame Vinaigrette, but the back label and ingredient statement say Low Fat Honey Mustard Vinaigrette. **Only dressings with UPC # 0-92325-33319-2 with a Best By Date of 02/20/09/1/E and 02/20/09/2/E are affected.**

"Organic" Shiitake & Sesame Vinaigrette, 16 oz. bottles of Shiitake & Sesame Vinaigrette, and other Annie's Naturals products are not affected by this recall.

Consumers who have purchased 8 fl oz All Natural Shiitake & Sesame Vinaigrette are urged to return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund or may call Annie's Naturals Consumer Relations at 1-800-288-1089 to obtain a coupon for a free product.

If you have questions about this recall, please contact the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Food Safety and Sanitation Program at 1-877-SAFE-FOOD or 1-877-233-3663.

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