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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-03

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**Domega International Ltd., Inc Issues An Alert On Undeclared Sulfites In
"Guangdayuan Brand Dried Sweet Potato"**

DOMEGA INTERNATIONAL LTD., INC., of 98 Bay 35th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214 is recalling "Guangdayuan Brand Dried Sweet Potato" *because* it contains undeclared sulfites. People who have severe sensitivity to sulfites run the risk of serious or life-threatening reactions if they consume this product.

The recalled "Guangdayuan Brand Dried Sweet Potato" is sold in an un-coded, clear 200 gram vacuum packed plastic bag and is a product of China. The product was sold nationwide.

The recall was initiated after routine sampling by NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Food inspectors and subsequent analysis by Food Laboratory personnel revealed the presence of sulfites in "Guangdayuan Brand Dried Sweet Potato", which did not declare sulfites on the labels. 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 have been reported to date in connection with this product. Consumers who have Purchased "Guangdayuan Brand Dried Sweet Potato", should return them to the place of purchase. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-646-938-7345.