



COMPANY STATEMENT

Bart withdraws ground cumin as precautionary measure following FSA test

Following recent investigations in the USA, surveillance testing of ground cumin for the presence of nut allergens has been carried out in the UK and a suspected result of low level presence of almond has been reported.

Whilst the result is not conclusive, as a precautionary measure, Bart Ingredients has taken the recommendation of the Food Standards Agency and recalled the batch of Bart Ground Cumin, 35g with best before end dates of OCT 2017 and DEC 2017, due to the potential seriousness of almond allergy.

There have been no reported cases of allergic reaction or illness. This is a precautionary measure until the conclusion of investigations into the accuracy of detection methods is concluded.



Greg Corbishley, Head of Technical of the Bart Ingredients Co, said, "The safety of consumers is our primary concern and therefore this precautionary measure is being taken.

"There are a number of technical concerns regarding the potential for detection methods finding false positive readings for almond presence in cumin. We are investigating these with the Food Standards Agency and with the reporting laboratories and with our suppliers whilst withdrawing our ground cumin as a safety measure.

"We have every confidence in the integrity of our growers and processors in Turkey and their controls. The whole supply chain including the Bart Ingredients packing site is nut-free."

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