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North Dakota Department of Health issues a Consumer Advisory for Sauces Produced by Dukarani Food Processing

The sauces may have been improperly produced and are susceptible to Clostridium botulinum contamination.

FARGO, ND – In response to the notification received from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the North Dakota Department of Health is issuing a consumer advisory for sauces produced by Dukarani Food Processing, Inc. of Minneapolis. These products have the potential to be contaminated with *Clostridium botulinum*, a bacterium which can cause life-threatening illness or death. The advisory includes 8 oz. glass jars of Pepper Sauce, Ketele Sauce, and Benniseed Sauce produced and sold by Dukarani Food Processing. The products were produced and sold through Friday, Feb. 9, 2017.

These products were identified at one privately owned ethnic food store in Fargo. The products have been removed from this store. However, not all product distributed to stores in North Dakota could be accounted for due to lack of records kept by the processor. Since state or federal regulatory officials cannot verify these products were properly processed, they should not be consumed. State officials in Minnesota and North Dakota are not aware of any illnesses associated with these products.

Botulism, a potentially fatal form of food poisoning, can cause the following symptoms: general weakness, dizziness, double vision, and trouble with speaking or swallowing. Difficulty in breathing, weakness of other muscles, abdominal distension, and constipation are also possible. People experiencing these problems should seek immediate medical attention.

Consumers who purchased this product should discard the product and are warned not to eat the product, even if it does not look or smell spoiled.

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