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FDA Cinnamon Notice Due to Elevated Levels of Lead Statement

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To: Whom It May Concern,

As you may know, FDA has issued an alert stating that through testing, they have determined that several brands of ground cinnamon products contain elevated levels of lead. FDA has recommended that the firms voluntarily recall these products.

The full alert can be viewed here: <https://www.fda.gov/food/alerts-advisories-safety-information/fda-alert-concerning-certain-cinnamon-products-due-presence-elevated-levels-lead>

Semifreddi's products that use cinnamon are not implicated or affected by this FDA alert.

Semifreddi's has a robust supplier approval program. We purchase premium cinnamon that undergo heavy metal (e.g. lead) testing performed by a 3rd party laboratory. We have directly verified with our suppliers that the cinnamon we receive do not come from any of the implicated distributors.

Sincerely,

Atsushi Maekawa
Head of Food Safety & Quality, Semifreddi's Bakery