TABLE 2 Lead concentration in spices by country of purchase.

	Number of Samples	Percent (%)	Lead concentration percentiles (ppm)					Geometric mean (GSD) of samples with detectable lead	[d]Percentage of samples with lead concentration above (>) a reference				
			Median, all samples	75th	90th	95th	Maximum		Above detection limit (%)	> 1 ppm (%)	> 2 ppm (%)	> 5 ppm (%)	> 10 ppm (%)
Grand Total	**1,496**	**100**	**0.4**	**4.0**	**330.0**	**1,200.0**	**48,000.0**	**9.5 (20.2)**	**53**	**38**	**31**	**23**	**19**
Country of Purchase													
Unknown	185	[a]12	ND	1.0	4.4	317.0	4,400.0	4.1 (12.6)	36	*25*	16	9	7
United States	519	[a]35	ND	0.8	3.2	14.0	21,000.0	1.9 (6.4)	40	*21*	13	8	6
Store Survey	*102*	[b] *20*	*ND*	*0.6*	*4.0*	*14.0*	*21.0*	*1.0 (3.9)*	*49*	*17*	*13*	*8*	*6*
Case Investigation	*417*	[b] *80*	*ND*	*0.8*	*3.0*	*18.2*	*21,000.0*	*2.3 (7.1)*	*38*	*22*	*14*	*9*	*6*
Foreign Country	792	[a]53	1.3	35.8	920.0	2,835.0	48,000.0	20.2 (23.3)	66	*53*	45	36	30
South Asia	412	[c]52	1.1	12.8	596.0	886.0	7,100.0	14.1 (15.4)	62	*51*	42	30	26
Bangladesh	*275*	[c] *35*	*2.5*	*69.0*	*700.0*	*922.0*	*2,000.0*	*16.8 (14.4)*	*73*	*63*	*54*	*39*	*33*
India	*76*	[c] *10*	*ND*	*ND*	*3.3*	*23.0*	*690.0*	*3.3 (7.5)*	*24*	*17*	*13*	*5*	*5*
Pakistan	*51*	[c] *6*	*0.5*	*2.4*	*940.0*	*2,500.0*	*7,100.0*	*10 (25.7)*	*55*	*37*	*25*	*20*	*20*
Nepal	*10*	[c] *1*	*1.0*	*205.8*	*2,510.0*	-	*2,700.0*	*16.6 (35.8)*	*60*	*50*	*30*	*30*	*20*
Georgia	210	[c]27	13.5	925.0	10,860.0	17,450.0	48,000.0	58.6 (31.1)	90	*77*	70	61	52
Mexico	39	[c]5	ND	0.7	6.4	10.0	17.0	2.4 (4.1)	31	*21*	18	10	3
Morocco	21	[c]3	1.4	6.6	56.6	113.8	120.0	5.2 (5.5)	67	*52*	48	24	19
Jamaica	12	[c]2	ND	ND	0.4	-	0.4	0.4 (1.2)	17	*0*	0	0	0
Other Countries (N=32)	98	[c]12	0.1	1.7	230.0	3,800.0	33,000.0	6.6 (30.4)	51	*28*	23	21	15

Abbreviations: GSD, geometric standard deviation; ppm, parts per million.

[a]Represents percentage of the grand total.

[b]Represents percentage of the samples purchased in the United States.

[c]Represents percentage of the samples purchased in foreign countries.

[d]Represents row percentage.

Note: Countries were included if, on average, at least one sample per year was reportedly purchased there between 2008 and 2017.