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## **Recall -- Firm Press Release**

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### **Health Matters America Inc. Of Cheektowaga, New York, Recalls Additional Sprouted Chia Seed And Sprouted Chia & Flax Seed Powder Due To Possible Health Risk**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - June 26, 2014 - HEALTH MATTERS AMERICA INC. of Cheektowaga, New York is expanding the voluntary recall of Organic Traditions Sprouted Chia Seed Powder and Sprouted Chia & Flax Seed Powder due to possible Salmonella contamination, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses.

The recall is being expanded to include more lot numbers and other products that contain Chia Seeds. Health Matters America is committed to the safety of its customers.

These products have been distributed nationwide.

The products and lot numbers included in this voluntary recall have been expanded to include:

**ORGANIC TRADITIONS SPROUTED CHIA SEED POWDER** Lot numbers: All codes starting with BIO13 and ending with 269 up to and including 365; All codes starting with BIO14 and ending with 001 up to and including 156; NET WT. 8 oz. UPC 854260006162, and NET WT. 16 oz. UPC 854260005462; and all bulk sizes;

**ORGANIC TRADITIONS SPROUTED CHIA & FLAX SEED POWDER** Lot numbers: All codes starting with BIO13 and ending with 269 up to and including 365; All codes starting with BIO14 and ending with 001 up to and including 156; NET WT. 8 oz. UPC 854260006216, and NET WT. 16 oz. UPC 854260005479; and all bulk sizes.

**ORGANIC TRADITIONS CHIA SEEDS** Lot numbers: All codes starting with ASCBO13; NET WT. 8oz. UPC 854260006131, and NET WT. 16oz. UPC 854260006148; and all bulk sizes.

**ORGANIC TRADITIONS ULTIMATE SUPERFOOD TRAILMIX** Lot numbers: ALL LOTS ending in 003-13 to 005-14; NET WT. 3.5oz. UPC 854260010701.

No other Organic Traditions products are affected by this recall.

The recall was expanded as the result of positive test results received by our company on the sample of Sprouted Chia/Flax that contained the bacteria.

Consumers that have purchased any of these products with the above stated lot numbers are asked not to consume the product, and discard it or return the product to the original point of purchase.

Health Matters America is working closely with the FDA on this matter. Health Matters America is committed to the highest quality food products with a mandate to provide nutrient-dense, organic foods for the optimal well-being of its customers.

Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-888-343-3278, ext. 730, Monday – Friday, 9am –5pm ET.

For media inquiries, please contact us at 1-888-343-3278, ext. 722, Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm ET.

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