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DATE: February 22, 2016
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: *Laurie Kidwell*
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SUBJECT: Health Matters America - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: Organic traditions SPROUTED FLAX SEED POWDER and Organic traditions SPROUTED CHIA & FLAX SEED POWDER

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; The recall has been initiated because they have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella.

Here is a list of the recalled products and lots:

- Organic traditions SPROUTED FLAX SEED POWDER, NET WT. 8 oz./227g, UPC barcode 854260006261; Lots AHM626151103 Exp. 09/2017, AHM626151229 Exp.10/2017 (lot number located near UPC barcode on back of bag);
- Organic traditions SPROUTED CHIA & FLAX SEED POWDER, NET WT. 8 oz./227g; UPC barcode 854260006216; Lots AHM621151217 Exp. 10/2017; AHM621151229 Exp. 10/2017 (lot number located near UPC barcode on back of bag);
- Organic traditions SPROUTED CHIA & FLAX SEED POWDER, NET WT. 16oz./454g bag, UPC barcode 854260005479; Lot AHM547151217 Exp. 10/2017 (lot number located near UPC barcode on back of bag).

Organic traditions Sprouted Chia Seed Powder and Organic traditions Sprouted Chia & Flax Seed Powder were distributed nationwide in flexible plastic bags.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers with questions may contact the company by phone at 1(888) 343-3278, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, or by e-mail at: orders@healthmattersamerica.com. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.



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Health Matters America Inc. Issues Nationwide Recall of Sprouted Flax Seed Powder and Sprouted Chia & Flax Seed Powder Because of Possible Health Risk

For Immediate Release

February 20, 2016

Contact

Consumers

Health Matters America Inc.

1-888-343-3278

Announcement

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Health Matters America of Cheektowaga, NY, is recalling specific lots of **Organic traditions SPROUTED FLAX SEED POWDER** and **Organic traditions SPROUTED CHIA & FLAX SEED POWDER** because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), 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 such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

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No illnesses have been reported to date.

Random samples taken by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) from retail stores in Canada tested positive for *Salmonella*. CFIA then notified the supplier. Health Matters America Inc. had received the affected lots. As soon as Health Matters America was made aware of this situation by their supplier, the company ceased packaging and distribution of the lots. The FDA, CFIA and Health Matters America continue their investigation as to what caused the problem.

Consumers who purchased the affected products/lots should return them to place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company by phone at 1(888) 343-3278, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, or by e-mail at: orders@healthmattersamerica.com.

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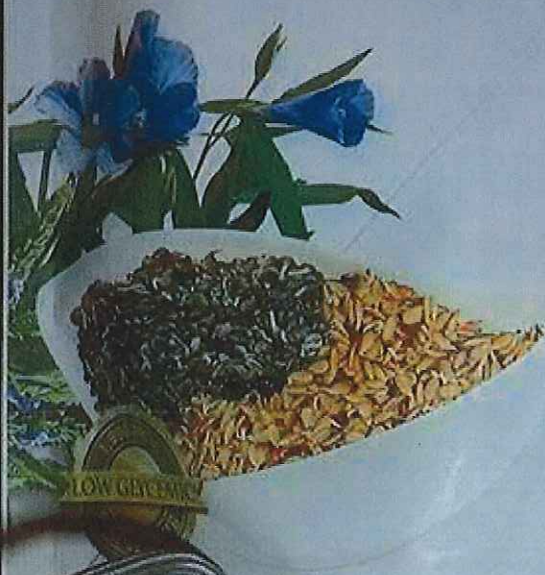
Product Photos



Organic traditions®

SPROUTED CHIA & FLAX SEED POWDER

A HIGH SOURCE OF FIBER WITH 4 GRAMS PER SERVING
3 GRAMS OF OMEGA 3 PER SERVING
A SOURCE OF CALCIUM



16 oz / 454 g

...of different foods.
...nearly raise blood glucose levels.

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SPROUTED FLAX SEED POWDER

A SOURCE OF FIBER WITH 3 GRAMS PER SERVING
3 GRAMS OF OMEGA 3 PER SERVING
A SOURCE OF VITAMIN E



Reduces Cholesterol
Improves Heart Health
Supports Digestion

100%
OLD WORLD



*OMEGA 3 equivalent of 24 essential capsules of different foods.
†All the Omega 3s in this product do not significantly raise blood glucose levels.

8oz/227g

