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DATE: February 9, 2016

TO: All Local Health Departments  
Attr: Chief Food Inspection Officer

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SUBJECT: Living Tree Community Foods - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: Organic Macadamia Nuts and Organic Macadamia Butter

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

Living Tree Community Foods Organic Macadamia Nuts come in a 4 oz, clear plastic pouch marked with lot #153442 on the top. Living Tree Community Foods Organic Macadamia Butter comes in an 8 oz glass jar, with a Living Tree Community label on it. Affected lot #s were 134415, 136215, 101716. The UPC Code is: 641432000987. These items shipped from our facility between 12/11/2015 and 2/03/2016.

Organic Macadamia Nuts and Organic Macadamia Butter were distributed throughout the US via retail stores (California, Connecticut) and to mail order customers.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers who have purchased 4 oz pouch of Organic Macadamia Nuts and 8 oz jars of Organic Macadamia Butter are urged to not consume and return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-510-526-7106. Our hours are from 8:30-4:30 PST, Monday thru Thursday and 8:30-3:00pm PST on Friday. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.  
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### Recall -- Firm Press Release

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## Consumers

Living Tree Community Foods  
1-510-526-7106

Firm Press Release  
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Living Tree Community Foods of Berkeley, California is recalling Organic Macadamia Nuts and Organic Macadamia Butter, because it has 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 in connection with this problem.

The potential for contamination was noted after FDA testing done with our supplier, Mahina Mele, based in Captain Cook, Hawaii, revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in organic macadamia nuts.

Production of the product has been suspended while FDA and the company continue their investigation as to the source of the problem.

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