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**DATE:** March 18, 2015

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

**FROM:** *Laurie Kidwell*  
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**SUBJECT:** Trader Joe's Company - RECALL [Food]

**AFFECTED PRODUCT:** Raw Walnuts

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

The products are packaged in clear plastic bags with the UPC Codes printed on the back. For the Raw California Walnut products, the "BEST BY" dates and Lot Numbers can be found printed on the back of the packages. For the Organic Raw Walnut products, the "BEST BY" dates can be found printed on the front of the packages.

All potentially affected Raw Walnut products are as follows:

UPC	Product Description	"BEST BY" Dates	Lot Numbers
00373685	Trader Joe's Nuts Raw California Walnut Pieces – 16oz	12/2015	GU4345
00943338	Trader Joe's Nuts Raw California Walnut Halves & Pieces – 16 oz	12/2015	GU4346
			GU4349
00519342	Trader Joe's Nuts Raw California Walnut Baking Pieces – 16 oz	12/2015	GU4350
			GU4343
00519328	Trader Joe's Nuts Raw California Premium Walnut Halves – 16oz	12/2015	GU4344
			GU4351
		OCT 15 2015	
		OCT 16 2015	
		OCT 17 2015	
		OCT 20 2015	
		OCT 21 2015	
		NOV 17 2015	
00586627	Trader Joe's Organic Raw Walnut Halves & Pieces – 12oz	NOV 18 2015	N/A
		NOV 19 2015	
		NOV 20 2015	
		NOV 28 2015	
		DEC 01 2015	

The recalled Trader Joe's Raw Walnuts were distributed to Trader Joe's stores nationwide.



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**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Customers who have purchased any of this recalled Raw Walnut product are urged not to eat it, and to dispose of the product or return it to any Trader Joe's for a full refund. Customers with questions may contact Trader Joe's Customer Relations at (626) 599-3817 [Monday through Friday, 6:00AM to 6:00PM PST]. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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**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.

*Trader Joe's Recalls Raw Walnuts Because of Possible Health Risk*

**Contact:**

Consumer:  
(626) 599-3817

Media:  
(626) 599-2843

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** — March 17, 2015 — Monrovia, CA — Trader Joe's Company is recalling Raw Walnuts because these products 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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The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing by an outside company contracted by the FDA revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in certain packages of Trader Joe's Raw Walnuts.

Out of an abundance of caution, Trader Joe's removed all lots of these products from store shelves and will suspend sale of these products while the FDA and the manufacturers involved continue their investigation into the source of the problem.

To date, Trader Joe's Company has not received any illness complaints related to these recalled products.

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