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DATE: October 2, 2014

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

FROM: Laurie Kidwell, RRT Supervisor
Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Tropical Valley Foods Inc. - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: **Next By Nature Dark Chocolate Cherries**

SUMMARY: **Unclassified Recall; The product is being recalled due to the potential for undeclared peanuts to be packaged in the product.**

The affected product is packaged in 3 oz. plastic bags with UPC 817582252006, Lot 460013 and "Best by Date" of 2016.03.31. The product was distributed between September 12th, 2014 and September 25th, 2014.

The recalled product was sold to distributors and retailers located in Ohio.

SUGGESTED ACTION: **Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Customers who purchased the affected product may return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Kristain Stone at Tropical Valley Foods by phone at (518) 314-7162, Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm EDT. 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.

Tropical Valley Foods Issues Allergy Alert For Potentially Undeclared Peanuts In Next By Nature Dark Chocolate Cherries

Contact:
Consumer:
Kristain Stone, (518) 314-7162

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE —October 1, 2014 – Tropical Valley Foods Inc. of Plattsburgh, NY, is recalling 455 cases (12 bags per case) of **next by Nature DARK CHOCOLATE CHERRIES, Lot 460013**, due to the potential for undeclared peanuts to be packaged in the product. People who have an allergy to peanuts run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reactions if they consume this product.

The affected **next by Nature DARK CHOCOLATE CHERRIES** was sold to distributors and retailers located in Iowa, California, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Canada and Japan. Distributors where instructed to inform their customers of the recall of the product, to immediately remove it from sale and to promptly discard it.

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The recall was initiated after an employee found a peanut piece in a bulk case of Dark Chocolate Covered Cherries that was being packaged into the 3 oz. bags. Subsequent investigation by the firm revealed that some Dark Chocolate Covered Cherries had been packaged into 3 oz. bags of **next by Nature DARK CHOCOLATE CHERRIES** prior to the discovery.

No illnesses have been reported to date associated with this problem.

Consumers who are allergic to peanuts are urged not to consume the above product. Customers who purchased the affected product may return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Kristain Stone at Tropical Valley Foods by phone at (518) 314-7162, Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm EDT.

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THE NATURAL ALTERNATIVE

next by Nature combines healthy ingredients with that special pleasure of Natural Dark Chocolate. Now you can indulge and know it's good for you. Taste next by Nature and enjoy THE NATURAL ALTERNATIVE. That's next !

- ✓ All Natural
- ✓ Gluten Free
- ✓ Kosher
- ✓ No Additives or Preservatives
- ✓ No Unnecessary Calories
- ✓ All Healthy ! = THE NATURAL ALTERNATIVE.

Ingredients : dark chocolate (sugar, chocolate liquor, cocoa butter, butteroil, soy lecithin (emulsifier), vanilla), cherries (red tart pitted cherries, sugar, sunflower oil), gum arabic, natural cherry flavor (with other natural flavors).

Allergy Information : Contains soy dairy. Manufactured on shared equipment with nuts containing products. Product made in a facility that processes peanuts, tree nuts, soy, and dairy products.

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 40g (~1.4 oz) Appx. 7 pieces
Servings Per Container Appx. 2 / 3 oz

Amount Per Serving	
Calories 171	Calories from Fat 73
	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 9.6g	15%
Saturated Fat 5.6g	28%
Trans Fat 0g	0%
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 0mg	0%
Total Carbohydrate 20g	9%
Dietary Fiber 2g	12%
Sugars 20g	
Protein 1.9g	

Vitamin A	4%	• Vitamin C	0%
Calcium	2%	• Iron	3%

* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your Daily Values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

	Calories:	2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less Than	65g	80g
Sat Fat	Less Than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less Than	300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less Than	2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g
Dietary Fiber		25g	30g

Country of Origin: Dried Cherries : USA
Dark Chocolate coating : USA

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