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

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SUBJECT: Heritage International (USA) Inc - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: Trader Joe's Raw Cashew Pieces

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; The recall has been initiated because of potential contamination with *Salmonella*.

The recall only affects one specific lot of Trader Joe's Raw Cashew Pieces. The product comes in a 16 ounce, clear, non-resealable plastic package (with a barcode number of 00505154) and with the following lot code, "BEST BEFORE 07.17.2016TF4." The "BEST BEFORE" information can be found on the backside of the package above the barcode.

The product was distributed to Trader Joe's stores in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Customers may call Trader Joe's Customer Relations at (626) 599-3817 6:00AM-6:00PM PST, Monday - Friday, with any questions. 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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*Heritage International (USA) Inc, Voluntarily Recalls One Lot of Raw Cashew Pieces Because of Possible Salmonella Health Risk*

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Heritage International (USA) Inc. of Compton, CA is voluntarily recalling one lot of Trader Joe's Raw Cashew Pieces with the following code "BEST BEFORE 07.17.2016TF4" because of potential contamination with *Salmonella*. *Salmonella* is an organism that 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 product was distributed only to Trader Joe's stores in Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Washington D.C. and Wisconsin.

No illnesses have been reported to date.

The voluntary recall was initiated by Heritage International (USA) Inc., after routine testing by an FDA contract laboratory revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in one lot of Raw Cashew Pieces. Other lots tested by the FDA contract laboratory and further testing of this lot by Trader Joe's resulted in no additional findings of contamination.

Customers who have purchased the specified lot code (BEST BEFORE 07.17.2016TF4) of Raw Cashew Pieces are urged not to eat the product, and to dispose of it or return it to any Trader Joe's for a full refund. Customers may call Trader Joe's Customer Relations at (626) 599-3817 6:00AM-6:00PM PST, Monday - Friday, with any questions.

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Product Photos



