DATE: February 23, 2010

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

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
      Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Trader Joe's Company Expanded Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Chocolate Chip Chewy Coated Granola Bars because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. The product involved in this recall was distributed at Trader Joe’s stores nationally and comes in a 7.4 oz box. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Trader Joe’s Company Voluntarily Recalls
Chocolate Chip Chewy Coated Granola Bars

February 19, 2010 - Trader Joe's Company of Monrovia, California is voluntarily expanding the recall of the Trader Joe’s Chocolate Chip Chewy Coated Granola Bars (SKU 82818) to include all code dates, manufactured by Bloomfield Bakery, a subsidiary of Ralcorp Holdings, Inc. 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, 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.

The product involved in this recall was distributed at Trader Joe’s stores nationally and comes in a 7.4 oz box. Production of the product has been suspended while FDA and Bloomfield Bakery continue their investigation.

No illnesses have been confirmed to date in connection with this product.

At Trader Joe’s we take the safety of our customers and the integrity of our products very seriously. Customers who have purchased Trader Joe’s Chocolate Chip Chewy Coated Granola Bars are urged to return them to any Trader Joe’s for a full refund. Customers with questions may contact Trader Joe’s Customer Relations Monday through Friday, 6am to 6pm PST at (626) 599-3817.
You love chocolate chip cookies. And who can blame you? They're chocolatey, they're crunchy, they're delicious. But what if you could enjoy the flavor of these cookies in a slightly different format? Like, say, a granola bar? Well now you can.

Made with Organic Oats, Organic Rice Crisp & Organic Sweeteners

NET WT. 7.4 OZ (210g)