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State Health Commissioner

DATE: December 3, 2015

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

FROM: Laurie Kidwell, RRT Supervisor
Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: JEM Raw Chocolate - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: Nut Butter Spreads

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

JEM Raw has initiated a voluntary recall of all products and sizes, packaged in glass jars, and sold under brand name JEM Raw Organics.

The following products are recalled:

Product Name	Net Weight (oz.)	UPC
Cashew Cardamom - Sprouted Cashew Almond Spread	1	6 09728 97861 7
Cinnamon Red Maca - Sprouted Almond Spread	1	6 09728 97862 4
Hazelnut Raw Cacao - Sprouted Hazelnut Spread	1	6 09728 97865 5
Superberry Maqui Camu - Sprouted Almond Spread	1	6 09728 97864 8
Cashew Cardamom - Sprouted Cashew Almond Spread	6	6 09728 97860 0
Cinnamon Red Maca - Sprouted Almond Spread	6	6 09728 97848 8
Hazelnut Raw Cacao -Sprouted Hazelnut Spread	6	6 09728 97857 0
Superberry Maqui Camu - Sprouted Almond Spread	6	6 09728 97858 7
Cashew Cardamom - Sprouted Cashew Almond Spread	16	6 09728 97854 9
Cinnamon Red Maca - Sprouted Almond Spread	16	6 09728 97850 1
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The JEM Raw recalled products were distributed nationwide in retail stores and through mail order. Products are distributed between June 2015 and November 2015.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Additional details can be found at www.jemraw.com. Those with questions may contact JEM Raw Chocolate, LLC at (541) 728-3844 between 9am 4pm PST, Monday through Friday. 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.

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For Immediate Release

December 2, 2015

Contact

Consumers

JEM Raw Chocolate, LLC
(541) 728-3844

Firm Press Release
View Product Photos

JEM Raw Chocolate, LLC (JEM Raw) of Bend, Oregon announced a voluntary recall of its full line of all nut butter spreads within expiry 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.

Health authorities, including the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Center for Disease Control (CDC) have linked the illnesses to person(s) who have consumed nut spreads, including JEM Raw products. There have been eleven (11) illnesses reported but no deaths or hospitalizations to date.

In light of this investigation, and with an abundance of caution, JEM Raw has initiated a voluntary recall of all products and sizes, packaged in glass jars, and sold under brand name JEM Raw Organics.

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JEM Raw is working with distributors and retailers to remove these products from retail shelves. Consumers do not need to return the product to the store where it was purchased. Instead, consumers should discard any product and its container. JEM Raw will work directly with each consumer to manage replacement of its product.

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Jen Moore, co-founder and CEO, said, "We are taking these steps because consumer safety is our top priority. As a health food company, our customer's health is our number one priority. Although no JEM Raw products have tested positive for *Salmonella*, we feel strongly that issuing a voluntary recall is the right thing to do. JEM is working closely with the FDA, ODA, and OHA to determine the root cause of the outbreak."

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Product Photos


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HAZELNUT
RAW CACAO
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Spread
6 OZ
(170g)
CERTIFIED ORGANIC INGREDIENTS
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Nutrition Facts
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Low Sodium
Keep the lid on tight because Jem's ideal blend of four quintessential ingredients–activated organic hazelnuts, raw organic cacao nibs, vanilla, and coconut crystals–will have trouble staying in the jar. The quality is so good and pure, each spoonful will blow you away.
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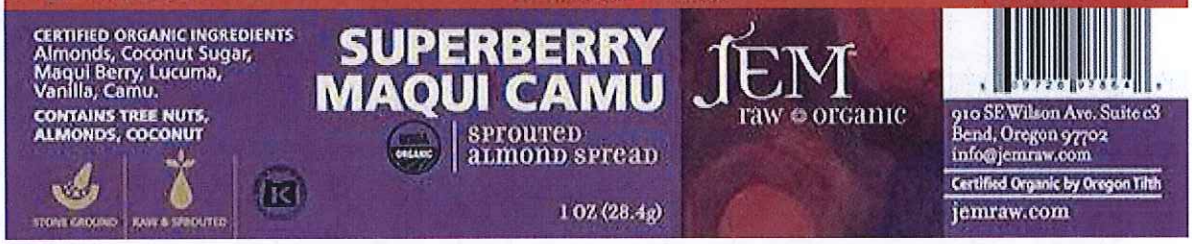
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