



**DATE:** November 13, 2013

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

**FROM:**   
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Director, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** Sequel Naturals Inc. Recall [Food]

**AFFECTED**

**PRODUCT(S)** Vega One Nutritional Shakes and Vega Sport Performance Protein Product Due to See Traces of the Antibiotic Chloramphenicol Contact. See Attached List.

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; Sequel Naturals Inc., dba "Vega," announced today that it has taken the precautionary measure of voluntarily withdrawing a limited quantity of its Vega One Nutritional Shakes and Sports Performance Protein products due to finding trace amounts of chloramphenicol (CAP), a naturally occurring antibiotic. Chloramphenicol is a prescription drug commonly used to treat typhoid fever and eye infections around the world. It should only be used under medical supervision. It has been associated with rare cases of aplastic anemia and allergic reactions in some people. A leading expert on CAP says that there have been no known cases of anemia caused by residual amounts found in food. Pregnant or lactating women should avoid this medication. The Vega products were distributed nationwide in retail stores. Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

Detail store information is not available at this time. If you have purchased a product from any of the lot codes below and wish to return it, please call or email Vega for a full refund: 1-866-839-8863 or [www.vegarecall.com](http://www.vegarecall.com). In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-3213.

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**Vega Issues Voluntary Withdrawal of Vega One Nutritional Shakes and Vega Sport Performance Protein Product Due to Traces of the Antibiotic Chloramphenicol Contact**

**Contact:**  
Consumer:  
1-866-839-8863

Media:  
1-866-839-8863 x 366

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** November 8, 2013 — Sequel Naturals Inc., dba “Vega,” announced today that it has taken the precautionary measure of voluntarily withdrawing a limited quantity of its Vega One Nutritional Shakes and Sports Performance Protein products due to finding trace amounts of chloramphenicol (CAP), a naturally occurring antibiotic.

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None of the Vega product formulations include CAP as an ingredient; however, an enzyme that was provided by a third party supplier, which constitutes less than 1% of the product ingredients, was found to contain trace amounts of CAP.

As a precautionary measure, Vega is voluntarily withdrawing all of the listed product from the market and has taken steps to ensure all future products are CAP-free, including using a different source of enzymes to prevent further potential contamination and assure consumers of product purity. These actions complete a voluntary product withdrawal and ingredient resourcing that applied to Canadian products as well.

“We’re doing this out of an overabundance of caution and to ensure that when you go to the shelf, you never have to wonder about the purity of a Vega product,” said Charles Chang, Vega President and Founder.

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People who have severe sensitivity or allergies to chloramphenicol may run the risk of an allergic reaction if they consume these products. There have been no reported allergic reactions from the listed products.

**The following products listed here are being voluntarily withdrawn from sale:**

<b><u>Product Description</u></b>	<b><u>Size</u></b>	<b><u>FG Lot</u></b>	<b><u>Expiry</u></b>
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Berry	15 oz	47047800	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Berry	15 oz	47043100	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Berry	30 oz	47042000	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Berry	30 oz	47046600	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Berry	1.5 oz	47048500	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Berry	15 oz	47041900	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Berry	15 oz	47047100	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	15.4 oz	47048001	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	15.4 oz	47048000	08/2015

Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	15.4 oz	47043200	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	30.9 oz	47042403	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	30.9 oz	47046801	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	30.9 oz	47042401	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	30.9 oz	47042402	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	30.9 oz	47042400	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	30.9 oz	47046802	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	30.9 oz	47049101	09/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	1.5 oz	47048600	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	15.4 oz	47047300	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	15.4 oz	47042300	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Chocolate	15.4 oz	47049601	09/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	13.3 oz	47048200	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	13.3 oz	47048201	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	13.3 oz	47051400	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	13.3 oz	47050600	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	13.3 oz	47046500	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	29.2 oz	47049300	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	29.2 oz	47051800	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	29.2 oz	47042801	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	29.2 oz	47042800	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	29.2 oz	47055300	09/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	29.2 oz	47047000	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	29.2 oz	47042802	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	1.3 oz	47048700	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	1.3 oz	47052100	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	14.6 oz	47047500	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	14.6 oz	47042703	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	14.6 oz	47042701	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	14.6 oz	47042700	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	14.6 oz	47049800	09/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	14.6 oz	47055200	09/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	14.6 oz	47047501	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	14.6 oz	47047502	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake French Vanilla	14.6 oz	47042702	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Natural	12.7 oz	47047900	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Natural	12.7 oz	47050300	09/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Natural	12.7 oz	47043400	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Natural	30.4 oz	47049000	09/2015

Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Natural	30.4 oz	47042200	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Natural	30.4 oz	47046700	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Natural	30.4 oz	47049001	09/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Natural	15.2 oz	47042100	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Natural	15.2 oz	47047200	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Natural	15.2 oz	47049500	09/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	14 oz	47043300	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	14 oz	47048101	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	14 oz	47048100	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	14 oz	47050500	09/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	30.8 oz	47049201	09/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	30.8 oz	47042602	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	30.8 oz	47042600	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	30.8 oz	47042601	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	30.8 oz	47046900	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	30.8 oz	47049200	08/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	1.4 oz	47051600	09/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	15.4 oz	47042500	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	15.4 oz	47047400	07/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	15.4 oz	47049700	09/2015
Vega ONE Nutritional Shake Vanilla Chai	15.4 oz	47047401	08/2015
Vega One Starter Kit	7.4 oz	12SE13PP1	05/2015
Vega One Starter Kit	7.4 oz	13SE13PP1	05/2015
Vega One Starter Kit	7.4 oz	16SE13PP1	05/2015
Vega One Starter Kit	7.4 oz	17SE13PP1	12/2014
Vega One Starter Kit	7.4 oz	23OC13PP1	07/2014
Vega One Starter Kit	7.4 oz	24OC13PP1	07/2014
Vega Sport Performance Protein Chocolate	15.7 oz	47043500	07/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Chocolate	15.7 oz	47048301	08/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Chocolate	15.7 oz	47048300	08/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Chocolate	29 oz	47047600	08/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Chocolate	29 oz	47042900	07/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Chocolate	29 oz	47047602	08/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Vanilla	14.8 oz	47048400	07/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Vanilla	14.8 oz	47048401	07/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Vanilla	29.2 oz	47047704	08/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Vanilla	29.2 oz	47047702	08/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Vanilla	29.2 oz	47047705	08/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Vanilla	29.2 oz	47047700	07/2015

Vega Sport Performance Protein Vanilla	29.2 oz	47047701	07/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Vanilla	29.2 oz	47043002	07/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Vanilla	29.2 oz	47043001	06/2015
Vega Sport Performance Protein Vanilla	29.2 oz	47050100	08/2015

**All the product from the lot codes listed are completely safe for the general population.** This voluntary withdrawal does not apply to any other lot of Vega product distributed anywhere in Canada or the United States. If you have purchased a product from any of the lot codes below and wish to return it, please call or email Vega for a full refund: 1-866-839-8863 or [www.vegarecall.com](http://www.vegarecall.com)

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