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**DATE:** September 24, 2012

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Trader Joe's Recall

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter because of potential contamination with *Salmonella*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter was distributed to Trader Joe's stores nationwide. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-351-7190.

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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.

**Trader Joe's Voluntarily Recalls Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter Because of Possible Health Risk**

**Contact**

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(626) 599-3817

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - September 22, 2012 - Out of the utmost caution and care for our customers, Trader Joe's is voluntarily recalling its Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter because of potential contamination with *Salmonella*. At this time, no confirmed illnesses directly linked to this product have been reported to Trader Joe's.

While we have no confirmed information that suggests this peanut butter is unsafe to eat, there is nothing more important to us than the health and safety of our customers and crew, and the quality of our products.

In advance of this recall, Trader Joe's removed the product from all store shelves.

The recalled Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter was distributed to Trader Joe's stores nationwide. The product comes in a 16 ounce, plastic jar with an expiration date of stamped below the lid. All code dates are included in this recall.

Production and distribution of the item has been suspended while the FDA and the Valencia Peanut Butter supplier continue their investigations.

Customers who have purchased this item are urged to not eat the product, and to dispose of it or return it to any Trader Joe's for a full refund. Customers with questions may contact Trader Joe's Customer Relations at (626) 599-3817.

*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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