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DATE: April 17, 2014

TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2014-045

Health Matters America Inc. Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk in Organic Traditions Brand Dark Chocolate Golden Berries and Dark Chocolate Sacha Inchi Seeds

April 14, 2014 - HEALTH MATTERS AMERICA INC. of Cheektowaga, New York is recalling specific lots of **ORGANIC TRADITIONS BRAND DARK CHOCOLATE GOLDEN BERRIES AND DARK CHOCOLATE SACHA INCHI SEEDS** because they were found to contain undeclared milk. People who have an allergy to milk run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products.

ORGANIC TRADITIONS BRAND DARK CHOCOLATE GOLDEN BERRIES AND DARK CHOCOLATE SACHA INCHI SEEDS were distributed through retail stores in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, Ohio, Oakland, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

The recall applies to 3.5 oz. (100 g) and 5.3 oz. (150 g) consumer size bags as follows:

ORGANIC TRADITIONS DARK CHOCOLATE GOLDEN BERRIES Lot numbers CACAOXPSWEETZZGBEBLK001-12, CACAOXPSWEETZZGBEBLK001-13; NET WT. 3.5 oz. UPC 8 54260 00263 8, and NET WT. 5.3 oz. UPC 8 54260 00266 9;

ORGANIC TRADITIONS DARK CHOCOLATE SACHA INCHI SEEDS Lot numbers CACAOXPSWEETZZSIBLK001-12, CACAOXPSWEETZZSIBLK 001-13; NET WT. 3.5 oz. UPC 8 54260 00709 1, and NET WT. 5.3 oz. UPC 8 54260 00718 3;

No illnesses have been reported to date.

The recall was initiated after it was discovered by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) that ORGANIC TRADITIONS DARK CHOCOLATE GOLDEN BERRIES had tested positive for milk and was distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of milk. Testing of the other products by CFIA also revealed the presence of undeclared milk. The problem may have been caused through cross contamination during production and processing at the foreign manufacturer.

Consumers who have purchased the above lots of ORGANIC TRADITIONS BRAND DARK CHOCOLATE GOLDEN BERRIES AND DARK CHOCOLATE SACHA INCHI SEEDS are urged to return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-888-343-3278, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm ET.