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DATE: January 30, 2015

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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2015-19

Freeland Foods Voluntarily Recalls Sunflower Seed Due to Potential Health Risk

Freeland Foods, Inc. of San Jose, CA is voluntarily recalling the Go Raw Organic Sunflower Seed, UPC number 8 59888 00009 7 with lot number "Enjoy before August 22, 2015 R5," because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella, an organism which can cause serious 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.

Based upon a random sampling, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency ("CFIA") has determined that the Go Raw Brand Organic Sunflower Seed, UPC number 8 59888 00009 7, lot number "Enjoy before August 22, 2015 R5," sold in 1 lb. (454 g) re-sealable plastic bags sold by Ecomax, tested positive for Salmonella. At this time, this is the only lot that is affected by this recall.

Although there have been no reported illnesses to date associated with the consumption of this product, out of an abundance of caution Freeland Foods has elected to take the following steps to insure the integrity of its products and protect the public safety. Effective immediately, Freeland Foods will conduct a precautionary voluntary recall to the consumer level of all Go Raw Brand Organic Sunflower Seed packages bearing the UPC 8 59888 00009 7 and "Enjoy Before August 22, 2015 R5" in the United States. Freeland Foods asks that consumers who have purchased this product destroy or return to the place of purchase for a full refund.

The Go Raw Organic Sunflower Seed with the lot number "Enjoy before August 22, 2015 R5," was distributed nationwide and Canada through distributors, retailers and direct customers.

Consumer with questions or concerns may contact the company at 1-877-456-8729 between the hours of 9AM-3PM Monday – Friday or email us at returns@goraw.com.