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DATE: February 1, 2016
TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties
RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-14

Garden of Life, LLC Recalls Raw Meal Organic Shake & Meal Products Because of Possible Health Risk

January 29, 2016 - Garden of Life LLC is voluntarily withdrawing a limited quantity of its Raw Meal Organic Shake & Meal Chocolate, Original, Vanilla and Vanilla Chai because they have the potential to contain Salmonella Virchow. Even though Garden of Life routinely performs pathogen testing on every finished good lot to ensure safety and no product has ever tested positive for the presence of Salmonella, the company felt it was in the public's best interest to take this voluntary action. 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. FDA is investigating illnesses.

Every lot tested negative for the presence of Salmonella prior to release to the market. Raw Meal products are distributed throughout the United States and sold at better health food stores and natural grocers.

Consumers who believe they may have a Raw Meal product affected by this recall, should look for the following lot codes prominently stamped on the underside of the plastic container. The following is the list of lots affected:

Table with 3 columns: PRODUCT NAME, Lot Number, Exp Date. Rows include RAW Organic Meal 10 CNT Tray, RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size, RAW Organic Meal Full Size, and RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Full Size.

PRODUCT NAME	Lot Number	Exp Date
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Full Size	47215501	9/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47216100	9/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47225500	9/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47225900	9/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47249200	9/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai 10 CNT Tray	47183201	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47198601	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Half Size	47206000	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47225600	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Half Size	47225800	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Half Size	47226200	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Half Size	47226400	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Full Size	47236000	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla 10 CNT Tray	47248000	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Full Size	47248901	9/30/17

PRODUCT NAME	Lot Number	Exp Date
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47253900	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Half Size	47257401	9/30/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47226000	10/1/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47216200	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47225601	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47226100	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Half Size	47226201	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Full Size	47226300	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Full Size	47246500	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Full Size	47247600	10/31/17
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Half Size	47247800	10/31/17

"In an overabundance of caution we are taking this extreme measure because we want to ensure that you never have to wonder about the purity of any Raw Meal product." said Brian Ray, President of Garden of Life.

Any Raw Meal product from a lot code not listed above is entirely safe and not affected by this recall. All Garden of Life, LLC's products are manufactured in the United States at FDA and NSF audited facilities, in accordance with current Good Manufacturing Practices. No Garden of Life product has ever tested positive for salmonella.

If, however, a consumer has purchased a product from any of the lot codes listed above and wishes to return it, they should return the unused portion of the product to the place of purchase for a full refund. Questions may be directed to the company at 1-866-465-0051, Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM EST.