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DATE: February 16, 2016  
 TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties  
 RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-14a

**Garden of Life Expands Voluntary Recall to Include Additional Lots of Raw Meal Products Due to Possible Salmonella Contamination**

February 13, 2016 - Garden of Life LLC is expanding its January 29th voluntary recall to include additional lots of its Raw Meal Organic Shake & Meal Chocolate, Original, Vanilla and Vanilla Chai products because an ingredient used in certain lots of the product has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella Virchow. 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. If you have symptoms or concerns, please talk to your doctor.

Garden of Life has requested that retailers remove the lots of Raw Meal from sale and that consumers check the lot number on their Raw Meal product and return any products involved in this recall to their point of purchase for a full refund.

After extensive testing of the product and its ingredients, and working in collaboration with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the manufacturer, suppliers and other third-party experts, the Company has now identified the likely source of Salmonella contamination to be Organic Moringa Leaf powder from a supplier used only in Raw Meal. Because other Garden of Life products containing Moringa use different suppliers, only Raw Meal is exposed.

Following is the list of lots affected added to this recall. Consumers can find the lot codes prominently stamped on the underside of the plastic container.

February 12, 2016 Recall Lots

Item Description	Lot Number	UPC	Sachet UPC	Exp Date
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate 10 CNT Tray	47200200	658010116114	658010116107	8/1/2017
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47215800	658010115933		8/1/2017

Item Description	Lot Number	UPC	Sachet UPC	Exp Date
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47243600	658010115933		8/1/2017
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Half Size	47198400	658010116954		8/1/2017
RAW Organic Meal Full Size	47222300	658010114141		8/1/2017
RAW Organic Meal Full Size	47248900	658010114141		8/1/2017
RAW Organic Meal Half Size	47225700	658010116961		8/1/2017
RAW Organic Meal Half Size	47198700	658010116961		8/1/2017
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai 10 CNT Tray	47183200	658010116428	658010116435	8/1/2017
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Half Size	47215400	658010116947		8/1/2017
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Half Size	47202000	658010116947		8/1/2017
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47200100	658010116022		8/1/2017
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47198600	658010116022		8/1/2017
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Half Size	47198500	658010116930		8/1/2017
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47200000	658010115933		8/31/2017
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Half Size	47243000	658010116954		8/31/2017

Item Description	Lot Number	UPC	Sachet UPC	Exp Date
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Full Size	47215600	658010116046		8/31/2017
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47202100	658010116022		8/31/2017
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47247700	658010115933		11/30/2017
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Half Size	47247801	658010116954		11/30/2017
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Half Size	47257001	658010116954		11/30/2017
RAW Organic Meal Full Size	47246501	658010114141		11/30/2017
RAW Organic Meal Half Size	47269900	658010116961		11/30/2017
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla 10 CNT Tray	47275400	658010116138	658010116121	11/30/2017
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Chai Full Size	47247601	658010116046		11/30/2017
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47225602	658010116022		11/30/2017
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Half Size	47273200	658010116930		11/30/2017
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Half Size	47247900	658010116930		11/30/2017
RAW Organic Meal Chocolate Full Size	47256902	658010115933		12/31/2017
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Full Size	47257100	658010116022		12/31/2017

Item Description	Lot Number	UPC	Sachet UPC	Exp Date
RAW Organic Meal Vanilla Half Size	47287600	658010116930		12/31/2017

No other Garden of Life products are affected by this recall.

To prevent a recurrence of this issue, Garden of Life will remove Organic Moringa powder from Raw Meal and expects new Raw Meal products to be available in stores and through online retailers within the next few weeks.

"The health of our consumers matters more than anything to every Garden of Life employee," said Brian Ray, Garden of Life's President. "We are using this as an opportunity to review our entire sourcing, manufacturing and distribution system with an eye to making a safe system even better. We will always work to be the industry leader in food safety; we expect nothing less and know you do as well. You can expect to hear more from us on this topic going forward. On behalf of all of us, I apologize to everyone affected by this situation."

ABOUT RAW MEAL: Raw Meal is sold at better health food stores, natural grocers and online. Consumers who have a Raw Meal product affected by this recall should stop consuming the product and if they wish 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 Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM EST to GOL Retail Support at the e mail and phone number below.