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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-66

Frontier Co-op Initiates Voluntary Recall of Organic Hojicha Tea Due to Possible Health Risk

May 10, 2016 - **NORWAY, IOWA (May 10, 2016)** – Frontier Co-op is voluntarily recalling its Organic Hojicha Tea due to potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which 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.

To date, no illnesses have been associated with these products.

The recalled products were sold nationwide between the dates of December 13, 2014 – April 21, 2016. A list of affected product lots is listed below. On foil bulk packages, the four-digit lot code will follow the item number (#2920) on the front label directly above the UPC code.

| Brand | Item Number | Affected Lots | UPC | Size | Image |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---|
| Frontier Co-op | 2920 | 4338 5096 5191 5289 6042 | 0-89836-02920-1 | 1 lb. (16 oz) |  PDF |

The raw material received by Frontier Co-op, which tested positive for *Salmonella* is being recalled by our supplier. Given that *Salmonella* may be present, Frontier Co-op is immediately initiating this recall.

Consumers should not consume these products and should either throw away any remaining products or return to the point of purchase for a refund.

Please contact Frontier Co-op with any questions or to inquire about replacement or reimbursement at 1-800-669-3275 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central time.