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**DATE:** April 17, 2014

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

**FROM:** *Laurie Kidwell*  
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**SUBJECT:** Health Matters America Inc - RECALL **[FOOD]**

**AFFECTED PRODUCT:** Organic Traditions Brand Dark Chocolate Golden Berries and Dark Chocolate Sacha Inchi Seeds

**SUMMARY:** Unclassified Recall; This recall is being initiated because they were found to contain undeclared milk, a known allergen.

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 CACAOXPSWEETZZDSIBLK001-12, CACAOXPSWEETZZSIBLK 001-13; NET WT. 3.5 oz. UPC 8 54260 00709 1, and NET WT. 5.3 oz. UPC 8 54260 00718 3;

The recalled products were distributed through retail stores in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers who have purchased the above lots 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. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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**Recall -- Firm Press Release**



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

**Contact:**

Consumer:  
1-888-343-3278

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - 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.

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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.

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