To:    Local Directors of Health
       Chief Sanitarians
       Certified Food Inspectors

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Subject: Recall of Trader Joe’s Chocolate Chip Chewy Coated Granola Bars Due To Salmonella

Trader Joe’s Company of Monrovia, California is recalling their store-brand Chocolate Chip Chewy Coated Granola Bars because they have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The recalled products were distributed to Trader Joe stores nationwide. The products involved are sold in a 7.4 oz box marked with the following Use by/Lot Codes on the top of the box and also stamped on the wrapper of each individual granola bar:

- 16JUL10H2
- 17JUL10H1

Customers who have the recalled products in their possession may return them to any Trader Joe’s store for a complete refund. Any complaints received by the local health department from patrons who have consumed the recalled product and are experiencing illness symptoms should be referred to their primary care physician for evaluation and follow-up. Local health departments should use the Foodborne Alert Form to record single complaints of illness with a note that it may be related to the recalled product.

The Department of Consumer Protection, (DCP) Food & Standard Division is aware of the recall and can be contacted at 860-713-6160 for additional information and follow-up.

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