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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-02cccccccc

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Trader Joe's Expands Its Voluntary Recall To Include Peanut Butter & Chocolate Chip Cookies (Midwest, Georgia and Nashville, TN Stores Only) Vegan Trail Mix Cookies (Southern Cal, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada Stores Only) and Trader Joe's Frozen Gluten Free Peanut Butter Cookie Dough

Monrovia, CA - Trader Joe's expands its voluntary recall to include three private label products: Peanut Butter & Chocolate Chip Cookies (Sold in Midwest, Georgia and Nashville, Tennessee Trader Joe's Stores Only) 12-ounce (SKU 80871), Vegan Trail Mix Cookies (Sold in Southern Cal, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada Trader Joe's Stores Only) 12-ounce (SKU 22442) and Frozen Gluten Free Peanut Butter Cookie Dough (Sold in Trader Joe's stores Nationwide) 15.3-ounce (SKU 91167) because the products contain peanut butter that was manufactured by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA), which is the focus of an ongoing Salmonella investigation.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail and 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. For more information on salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web-site at www.cdc.com.

As a precaution, in advance of this recall, Trader Joe's removed all three of these items from store shelves.

At this time, there have been no confirmed cases of illnesses or adverse affects affiliated with these products.

At Trader Joe's we take the safety of our customers and the integrity of our products very seriously. Customers who have purchased any of these items (any date code) are urged to return them to any Trader Joe's for a full refund. Customers with questions may contact Trader Joe's Customer Service at (626) 599-3817.