

Kane County Health Department

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Health Matters America Inc. recalls flax seed powder products

The Kane County Health Department is advising that Health Matters America of Cheektowaga, NY, is recalling specific lots of Organic traditions Spouted Flax Seed Powder and Organic traditions Sprouted Chia and Flax Seed Powder because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

No illnesses have been reported to date but the products were distributed nationwide in flexible plastic bags.

Here is a list of the recalled products and lots:

- Organic traditions SPROUTED FLAX SEED POWDER, NET WT. 8 oz./227g, UPC barcode 854260006261; Lots AHM626151103 Exp. 09/2017, AHM626151229 Exp.10/2017 (lot number located near UPC barcode on back of bag);
- Organic traditions SPROUTED CHIA & FLAX SEED POWDER, NET WT. 8 oz./227g; UPC barcode 854260006216; Lots AHM621151217 Exp. 10/2017; AHM621151229 Exp. 10/2017 (lot number located near UPC barcode on back of bag);
- Organic traditions SPROUTED CHIA & FLAX SEED POWDER, NET WT. 16oz./454g bag, UPC barcode 854260005479; Lot AHM547151217 Exp. 10/2017 (lot number located near UPC barcode on back of bag).

Salmonella is 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.

Consumers who purchased the affected products/lots should return them to place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company by phone at 1(888) 343-3278, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, or by e-mail at: <u>orders@healthmattersamerica.com</u>.