

## Kane County Health Department

July 30, 2014 Contact: Tom Schlueter (630) 444-3098 630-417-9729 (cell) www.kanehealth.com

## Recall expands for products with carob powder as ingredient

More products using carob powder as an ingredient are being voluntarily recalled because the ingredient may be contaminated with salmonella. GoMacro, of Viola, Wis., is recalling MARCOBARS brand almond butter + carob and sunflower butter + chocolate because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*,

Despite the widespread recall, no illnesses related to it have been reported, but the products were widely distributed, including in Illinois.

Other firms affected so far by the recall include TJX Companies, Inc., of Framington Ma., Earth Circle Organics, of Grass Valley, Calif., and Dancing Star LLC, of Buckland, MA. A full list of products involved in the carob powder recall as reported by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration can be found by clicking <u>here</u>.

Salmonella is an organism that 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, 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 infection (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

If you have any questions concerning the GoMacro recall, please contact Operations Manager, Tony Saarem, Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM (CST) at (608)-627-2310 or email at <u>tony@gomacro.com</u>.

###