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Z Natural Foods Recalls Lightly Roasted Organic Carob Powder Due to Possible *Salmonella* Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — October 21, 2014 — West Palm Beach, FL — Z Natural Foods of West Palm Beach, Florida is recalling 55 lbs of Lightly Roasted Organic Carob Powder because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, 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.

The recalled Lightly Roasted Organic Carob Powder was available for sale directly through Z Natural Foods website at www.ZNaturalFoods.com. It was not available in retail stores. The Lightly Roasted Organic Carob Powder was available in a 1 lb and 5 lb standup resealable foil pouches either bronze (1 lb) or silver in color (5 lb) and marked with Lot # ZNCARB39513 and a Best By Date of 12/5/2016 at the bottom of the label.

No illnesses have been reported to date and we are issuing this recall purely as a precautionary measure. The potential for contamination was noted after learning that another customer of our ingredient supplier received a positive test for *Salmonella*. While sampling conducted by the manufacturer did not indicate the presence of *Salmonella*, we are recalling this product out of an abundance of caution. No other Z Natural Foods products are affected.

All sales of the Lightly Roasted Organic Carob Powder have been suspended while the FDA, Z Natural Foods and its suppliers continue their investigation as to the source of the problem.

Consumers who have purchased a 1 lb or 5 lb Lightly Roasted Organic Carob Powder are urged to contact Z Natural Foods to arrange return of the product and for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-888-963-6637 between the hours of 9am - 6pm, Monday - Friday Eastern Standard Time

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