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Firm recalls Organic Carob Powder due to possible *salmonella* contamination

Earth Circle Organics, of Grass Valley, Calif., has been notified by its supplier of a recall of Organic Carob Powder due to possible health risks related to *Salmonella* contamination.

Products were sold to distributors and retail outlets in North America, but no other Earth Circle Organics products are affected by this recall and no illnesses have been reported to date. This recall is initiated as a precautionary measure due to a possibility of contamination as notified by our suppliers.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometime 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.

Earth Circle Organics has taken immediate action to recall Organic Carob Powder. The company is working closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on this matter.

Consumers that have purchased the products are asked not to consume the product and discard it or return the product to the original point of purchase.

Consumers with questions may contact Earth Circle Organics at 530-273-3663 ext 216, Monday – Friday from 9 am-5 pm PST. Email correspondence can be sent to recall@earthcircleorganics.com

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