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DATE: January 29, 2020

TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2020-014a

Salud Natural Entrepreneur Inc. Recalls Nopalina Flax Seed Fiber Powder and Nopalina Flax Seed Fiber Capsules Because of Possible Health Risk

Salud Natural Entrepreneur, Inc. of Waukegan, IL is voluntarily recalling Nopalina Flax Seed Fiber (powder) and Nopalina Flax Seed Fiber (capsule) products due to possible *Salmonella* contamination in one of the ingredients used on the formula of Nopalina Flax Seed Fiber. *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 of these products who are experiencing symptoms of *Salmonella* should contact their health care provider. To date, there are no reports of illnesses associated with the products.

Nopalina Flax Seed products are distributed throughout the United States and Puerto Rico via retail stores and the company's web site <https://www.nopalinaonline.com/>

The following lot numbers are affected by this recall (the lot numbers can be found on the bottom back of the product label):

Nopalina Flax Seed Fiber (powder, 1 lb. bags) UPC 890523000720

- Lot # 62.19 / 9 # 52.1 Best if used by 10/7/21
- Lot # 62.19 / 2 # 52.1 Best if used by 10/7/21

Nopalina Flax Seed Fiber (powder, 1 lb. bags) UPC 890523000720

- Lot # 64.19 / 3 # 52.1 Best if used by 10/21/21

Nopalina Flax Seed Fiber (powder, 1 lb. bags) UPC 890523000720

- Lot # 65.19 / 1 # 52.1 Best if used by 10/24/21
- Lot # 65.19 / 2 # 52.1 Best if used by 10/24/21

Nopalina Flax Seed Fiber (powder, 2 lb. bags) UPC:890523000843

- Lot # 64.19 / 2 # 52.1 Best if used by 10/21/21
- Lot # 64.19 / 2 * 2Lb # 52.1 Best if used by 10/21/21

Nopalina Flax Seed Fiber (capsules, 120 count) UPC 890523000867

- Lot # 23.19 1C120 # 07 Best if used by 10/7/21
- Lot # 23.19 2C120 # 02 Best if used by 10/7/21
- Lot # 23.19 / 2C120 # 02 Best if used by 10/7/21
- Lot # 23.19.2C120 # 02 Best if used by 10/7/21
- Lot # 23.19.3C120 # 02 Best if used by 10/7/21

This recall is being made with the knowledge of the Food and Drug Administration.

The recall is the result of an FDA sampling of senna leaves powder, an ingredient used to manufacture the Nopalina Flax Seed Fiber (powder) and Nopalina Flax Seed Fiber (capsules), that tested positive for three types of *Salmonella* including *Salmonella* Gaminara, *Salmonella* Kentucky, and *Salmonella* Oranienburg. The company has ceased the use of the suspect ingredient.

We care deeply about the health of all of our consumers and are committed to providing with safe and high quality products. Salud Natural Entrepreneur, Inc. has identified and isolated the ingredient to prevent this from happening again.

Consumers who have purchased Nopalina Flax Seed Powder and Nopalina Flax Seed Capsules having the lot numbers listed above should not consume them and are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Consumers with questions may contact the company at 877-296-6845 (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm) or can go to our site: <https://www.nopalinaonline.com/certificate/>

Symptoms of salmonellosis

Salmonella are a group of bacteria that can cause gastrointestinal illness and fever called salmonellosis. Most people infected with *Salmonella* begin developing symptoms 12 to 72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts four to seven days and most people recover without treatment.

Most people with salmonellosis develop diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps. More severe cases of salmonellosis may include a high fever, aches, headaches, lethargy, a rash, blood in the urine or stool, and in some cases may become fatal.

Children younger than five, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems are more likely to have severe salmonellosis infections.

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