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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2018-026

Starwest Botanicals Inc. Product Recalls Organic Cardamom Pods Green (Whole) Due to Possible *Salmonella* Contamination

Starwest Botanicals is voluntarily recalling Starwest Botanicals Organic Cardamom Pods Green (Whole), which is packaged in Mylar 1 pound bags and in bulk packs.

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 (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism entering the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e. infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The product was sold nationwide by several different methods. It was either shipped directly to Starwest Botanicals customers who purchased online from firm's website or mail order customers, or held for pickup up by the customer at Starwest Botanicals. The product was sold between January 15, 2018 and March 2, 2018.

- The lot number of Starwest Botanicals Organic Cardamom Pods Green (Whole) 1 pound with UPC 7-6796302528-9 included in this recall. The item# 209735-01 and lot number (75593) can be found on the label affixed to the bag.
- The lot number of Starwest Botanicals Organic Cardamom Pods Green (Whole) bulk pack with UPC 7-6796302527-2 included in this recall. The item# 209735-00 and lot number (90186-00) can be found on the label affixed to the bulk pack.

No other lots of Starwest Botanicals Organic Cardamom Pods Green (Whole) are affected by this recall, and no illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this voluntary recall. No other Starwest Botanicals products have been affected by this voluntary recall.

Consumers in possession of this voluntary recalled product may return it to Starwest Botanicals in Sacramento, CA for a full refund. Consumers or media with questions should contact Starwest at 1-800-800-4372 (Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm PST).