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## World Berries<sup>™</sup> Organic Cacao Nibs Recalled for Possible E. coli Contamination

No. 12-17

(JUNEAU, AK) – FunFresh Foods, Inc. has issued a recall for World Berries<sup>™</sup> Organic Cacao Nibs because the product may be contaminated with E.coli bacteria.

The affected product was distributed from April 12 through April 17 to health and natural food retail stores.

The product comes in a 6-ounce pouch labeled with the World Berries <sup>™</sup> logo and Organic Cacao Nibs. The affected products have UPC code 6324749229022, lot code 61104, and the use-by date of 04/13. These codes are laser-etched on the vertical edge of the back panel.

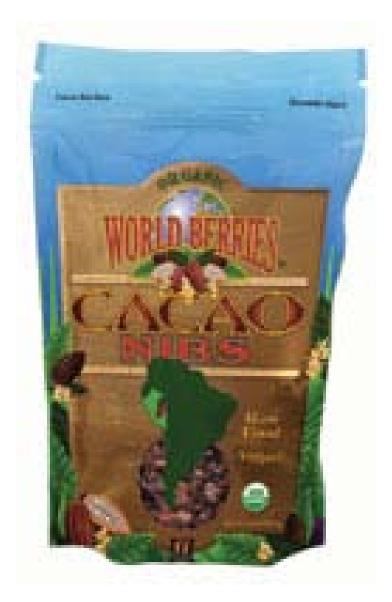
DEC has confirmed distribution of these products in Alaska. To date, there have been no reports of illness reported in Alaska or other states.

E. coli causes a diarrheal illness, often with bloody stools. Although most healthy adults can recover completely within a week, some people can develop a form of kidney failure called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). HUS is most likely to occur in young children and the elderly. The condition can lead to serious kidney damage and even death. Consumers who may have eaten this product and are experiencing any adverse symptoms should seek medical attention.

Consumers may contact the company Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time at 1-800-232-8619 for refund information.

More information may be found at: <u>http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm303012.htm?source=govdelivery</u>.

For more information on recalls affecting Alaskans, visit DEC's website: <u>http://www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.html</u>.



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