

UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Traficanti Joseph J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 UNITED NATURAL FOODS INC  
 [UNFI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

SVP, General Counsel, CCO

C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC., 313 IRON HORSE WAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person

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PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/16/2016		M		1,023	A	\$ 0 (1)
Common Stock	09/16/2016		F(2)		339	D	\$ 38.7
Common Stock	09/17/2016		M		1,803	A	\$ 0 (1)
Common Stock	09/16/2016		F(3)		603	D	\$ 38.7
Common Stock							933
						I	See footnote (4)

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit <u>(5)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	09/16/2016		M	1,023	<u>(7)</u> <u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	1,023
Restricted Stock Unit <u>(8)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	09/17/2016		M	1,803	<u>(7)</u> <u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	1,803
Restricted Stock Unit <u>(8)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	09/17/2016		D	201	<u>(7)</u> <u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	201
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	09/17/2016		A <sup>(3)</sup>	201	<u>(9)</u> <u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	201

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Traficanti Joseph J C/O UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. 313 IRON HORSE WAY PROVIDENCE, RI 02908			SVP, General Counsel, CCO	

## Signatures

Lisa N'Chonon, Power-of-Attorney,  
in fact  
Date: 09/20/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis. Accordingly, there was no purchase price paid by the reporting person.
- (2) On September 16, 2016, 1,023 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested. The Company retained 339 shares on that date to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting.  
On September 17, 2016 2,004 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") restricted stock units vested. Of these shares, the reporting person had previously elected to defer 201 shares to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan. The Company retained 603 shares on that date to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting.
- (3) Includes 933 shares of common stock allocated to the reporting person under the United Natural Foods, Inc. 401(k) Plan's UNFI Stock Fund as of September 15, 2016.
- (4) Restricted stock units awarded September 16, 2013.
- (6) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of United Natural Foods, Inc. common stock upon vesting in accordance with the terms of the reporting person's restricted stock unit agreement.
- (7) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (8) Restricted stock units awarded September 17, 2015.
- (9) The security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis subject to the terms of the United Natural Foods, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan.

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