

Traficanti Joseph J  
Form 4  
September 28, 2017

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/26/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, General Counsel, CCO

(Street)  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02908

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(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	09/26/2017		F <sup>(1)</sup>		83	D	\$ 44.39
							10,030
							D

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)

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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. Price per Share (Instr. 3)
Phantom Stock	(2)	09/26/2017		A <sup>(3)</sup>	3,424	(2) (2)	Common Stock	3,424

## 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

Joseph McGrail, Power-of-Attorney,  
in fact 09/28/2017

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).

- As described in footnote 3, on September 26, 2017, the reporting person became entitled to receive 3,507 shares of United Natural Foods, Inc. (the "Company") common stock in settlement of a like number of performance units. The Company retained 83 of these shares on that date to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting.
- (1) 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.
- (2) On September 21, 2016, the reporting person was granted 3,490 performance units eligible to vest at target levels of performance (with vesting of more or less shares possible based on actual performance) based on the extent to which certain EPS, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted ROIC and total shareholder return performance targets were met for fiscal 2017. Based upon the Company's performance against the applicable performance targets, 3,507 performance units subject to such criteria vested on September 26, 2017, resulting in the issuance of 3,507 shares of the Company's common stock to the reporting person. The reporting person had previously elected to defer 100% of the shares vested to the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan.

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