

ALFOODACT 014-2008 - Expansion of ALFOODACT 011-2008, ALFOODACT 012-2008, and ALFOODACT 013-2008 Salmonella Risk with Cantaloupes Originating from Agropecuaria Montelibano

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1. REFERENCES:

- a. DLAR 4155.26/AR 40-660/NAVSUPINST 10110.8c/AFI 48-116/MCO 10110.38c, DOD Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System.
- b. Allied Communications Publication 121, US SUPP-1 (f).
- c. <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2008/NEW01808.html>
- d. http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/chiquita03_08.html
- e. http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/dole03_08.html
- f. http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/spokaneproduce03_08.html
- g. AskKaren: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/food%5Fsafety%5Feducation/ask%5Fkaren/#Question>
- h. FACT SHEET: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~mow/chap1.html>
- i. Safe Produce Handling Tips: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/prodsafe.html>

2. BACKGROUND:

This is an update/addition to Spokane Produce (ALFOODACT 011-2008) and expansion to include Chiquita and Dole. All future recalls posted by FDA or released by any vendor relating to cantaloupe originating from Agropecuaria Montelibano, Honduras is included in this ALFOODACT. Customers can monitor recalls at the following FDA web site for additional recalls involving cantaloupe originating from Agropecuaria Montelibano, Honduras : <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html>.

Unless the FDA/CDC investigation reveals further information, ALFOODACT 014-2008 will be the last written correspondence in regards to cantaloupe originating from Agropecuaria Montelibano, Honduras.

ALFOODACT 013-2008: This is an update/addition to Simply Fresh Fruit (ALFOODACT 012-2008) and expansion to include Bounty Fresh

ALFOODACT 012-2008: Several more distributors/processors have cantaloupes which were purchased from Agropecuaria Montelibano, a Honduran grower and packer. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") has determined, based on current information, that cantaloupe fruit from this company has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The following distributors/processors have recalled whole cantaloupe and/or cut cantaloupe: T.M. Kovacevich International, Inc., Tropifresh, Inc., Simply Fresh Fruit, and Pacific Coast Fruit Co.

ALFOODACT 011-2008: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued an import alert regarding entry of cantaloupe from Agropecuaria Montelibano, a Honduran grower and packer, because, based on current information, fruit from this company appears to be associated with a *Salmonella litchfield* outbreak in the United States and Canada. The import alert advises FDA field offices that all cantaloupes shipped to the United States by this company are to be detained.

Charlie's Produce of Spokane, WA is recalling **Charlie's Produce Brand Cut Cantaloupe Products**, because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. Cantaloupe used in these products may have been supplied from Agropecuaria Montelibano.

Spokane Produce, of Spokane, WA purchased product from Agropecuaria Montelibano. Spokane Produce is recalling the Spokane Produce, Chiquita and Mike's Melons label.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

Recommend all establishments determine the original source of cantaloupe/cut cantaloupe from their distributors/suppliers. All produce processors/retailers should remove from their stock cantaloupes imported from Agropecuaria Montelibano. These cantaloupes are also traded under the label Mike's Melons. This recall includes whole cantaloupe and cut cantaloupe (whether mixed with other fruit or not) that originated from Agropecuaria Montelibano.

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Distributors/Processors known to have purchased and/or further processed cantaloupe from Agropecuaria Montelibano are as follows.

1. Spokane Produce, Inc.

Products recalled by Spokane Produce include the following items containing cut cantaloupe:

Cantaloupe Chunks and Pieces

Sizes: 5oz, 8oz., 11oz, 12oz.,16oz., 21oz, 24oz., 32oz., 48oz., 64oz. & 5 lb.

Melon Medley

Sizes: 6oz., 8oz., 11oz., 12 oz., 16oz., 23.oz., 24oz., 32oz., 48oz., 64oz.

Mixed Melon Cantaloupe-Honeydew

Sizes: 4oz., 5oz., 8oz., 11oz., 16oz., 22oz., 24oz., 32oz., 48oz.

Fruit Medley

Sizes: 5oz., 8oz., 11oz., 12oz., 16oz., 23oz., 24oz., 32oz., 48oz., 64oz.

Fruit Medley with Strawberries

Sizes: 16oz., 24oz.

Mixed Melon and Fruit

Sizes: 6oz., 11oz., 16oz., 24oz.

Fruit Trays

Sizes: 40oz., 48oz., 75oz.

Products are packed in plastic cups or clamshells and distributed under the Garden Patch, Yokes, or Rosauers Classic labels. Products are coded with a "Best used by" dates up to and including 03/26/08.

The above products were distributed through retail stores in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Wyoming. Products are packed in plastic cups or clamshells and distributed under the Garden Patch, Yokes or Rosauers Classic labels.

2. Chiquita Brands International, Inc.

The cantaloupes (whole) were distributed for sale throughout the US and Canada in cardboard cartons with the brands "Mike's Melons," "Mayan Pride" and "Chiquita" all showing "PRODUCT OF HONDURAS" printed on each of the side panels of the carton. The address of the shipper appears on one end panel of the carton as follows: GROWN, PACKED AND SHIPPED BY: AGROPECUARIA MONTELIBANO SAN LORENZO, VALLE, HONDURAS

3. Dole Fresh Fruit Company

The cantaloupes (whole) were distributed for sale throughout the United States and parts of Canada in cardboard cartons with the brand "Dole" and "PRODUCT OF HONDURAS" printed on each of the side panels of the carton.

4. Manufacturer/Establishment Number:

- Spokane Produce, Inc.
Bo. Victoria, Calle Principal
San Lorenzo, Valle
Honduras
- Agrolibano (Agropecuaria Montelibano)
Spokane, WA
- Chiquita Brands International, Inc.
Cincinnati, OH
- Dole Fresh Fruit Company
Westlake Village, CA

5. DISTRIBUTION: Nationwide

6. REASON FOR ACTION: *Salmonella Litchfield*

7. INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:

- a. Immediately inventory stocks to identify the above items and secure in a "Medical Hold" status to provide assurance of no further issue/sale/use of the item. POSITIVE FINDINGS should be reported to Accountable Officers/Vendor Representatives of that facility. Accountable Officer/Agency Representatives/Buyer/Contracting Officer should seek refund/credit/replacement through the normal distribution channel with which the product was received (i.e. Distribution Centers, Prime Vendors, Manufacturers).
- b. Ships at sea are authorized to destroy or dispose of recalled products at their discretion. Documentation for the number of pounds and cases, and any additional pertinent information must be signed by the Accountable Officer and is required for the purpose of recouping to the government the cost of the product involved. In order to get credit please use a SF 364 and forward to your supporting FISC and copy furnished to NAVSUP 51. Your supporting FISC should forward to the account manager at DSCP. The form should include the number of the recall authorizing the survey action. Home ported ships/gallies will utilize DD form 1149 to transfer w/ reimbursement to the PV. The PV will submit credit invoice to the account manager at DSCP.
- c. Unless otherwise specified above, POSITIVE and NEGATIVE RESPONSES directly to DSCP Consumer Safety Officer (CSO) are NOT required.
- d. When corresponding with DSCP concerning this message please include this message's subject in your subject line.

8. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is CW4 Ramona Hemphill, Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2922, Commercial (215) 737-2922, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526.

Any individual or office that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to dscpconssafofc@exmail.dscp.dla.mil.

Previous recalls and frequently asked questions are available at the following web site:

<https://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/fso/alfood/alfood.asp>

The navigation tool to the left allows you to view DSCP Alerts and Archived Vendor Recalls also.

Very Respectfully,

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