

**SUBJECT:** ALFOODACT 031-2011 Ready Pac Foods, Inc. Announces Voluntary Product Recall Because of Possible Health Risk

**Date Issued:** November 17, 2011

**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).

**2. BACKGROUND:**

\*Note: This establishment is listed in the Worldwide Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments For Armed Forces Procurement with a Veterinary Command (VC) number 06-0426.

November 16, 2011 - Ready Pac Foods, Inc. of Irwindale, CA is recalling a total of 5,379 cases of bagged salad products containing Romaine lettuce, as listed below, with the Use-by Date of November 18, 2011 because they may be contaminated with E. coli (E.coli O157:H7). E.coli O157:H7 is an organism that may cause 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.

The voluntary recall was initiated based on a single positive random sample result for E.coli O157:H7 reported to Ready Pac by the FDA. Ready Pac is fully cooperating with the FDA on the recall.

Because it is still possible that products bearing the Use-by Date of November 18, 2011 could be on store shelves, this recall extends to retailers as well as consumers. Ready Pac believes that it is important to alert consumers and retailers who might still possess one of the potentially affected salads to dispose of it immediately.

**3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:**

The recall extends only to the listed products with this Use-by Date and sold in the following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Texas, and Washington. No other Ready Pac Foods, Inc. products are included in the recall.

10oz. Ready Pac Caesar Romaine  
0-77745-00202-6  
NOV 18

9.25oz Ready Pac Santa Fe Caesar Complete Salad  
0-77745-21404-7  
NOV 18

10oz. Ready Pac Classic Caesar Complete Salad  
0-77745-20566-3  
NOV 18

10oz. Ready Pac Bella Romaine  
0-77745-21407-8  
NOV 18

10oz. Dining In Classic Caesar Salad Kit  
0-11225-02530-3  
NOV 18

10oz. Raley's Caesar Romaine  
0-46567-71642-8  
NOV 18

10oz. Trader Joe's Romaine Salad  
0013-2145  
NOV 18

16oz. Trader Joe's Very American Salad  
0020-7225  
NOV 18

10oz. Safeway Farms Caesar Romaine  
0-21130-98350-6  
NOV 18

9oz. Safeway Farms Hearts of Romaine  
0-21130-98358-2  
NOV 18

10oz. Safeway Farms Complete Caesar Supreme  
0-21130-33677-7  
NOV 18

10.25oz Safeway Farms Complete Southwestern Ranch  
0-21130-33679-1  
NOV 18

Item Hy-Vee 12 oz. Garden Supreme  
UPC Number 75450-12046  
Code Date/Julian Date BEST BY 14OCT2011 A106A and A106B

Item Hy-Vee 12 oz. Romaine Garden  
UPC Number 75450-12508  
Code Date/Julian Date BEST BY 140CT2011 A106A and A106B

**4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:**

Ready Pac Produce (VC# 06-0426)  
4401 Foxdale Avenue  
Irwindale, California 91706  
626-678-2682  
(800) 800-7822

**5. DISTRIBUTION:** All

**6. REASON FOR ACTION:** Due to product being contaminated with E.coli O157:H7

**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.  
POSITIVE FINDINGS should be reported to Accountable Officers/Vendor Representatives of that facility. Accountable Officer/Agency representatives/Buyers/Contracting Officers should seek/refund/credit/replacement through the normal distribution channel with which the product was received (i.e. Distribution Centers, Prime Vendors, or 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 DLA Troop Support. The form should include the number of the recall authorizing the survey action. Home-ported ships/galleys will utilize DD form 1149 to transfer w/ reimbursement to the PV. The PV will submit credit invoice to the account manager at DLA Troop Support.
- c. DLA Troop Support Subsistence Prime Vendors must report POSITIVE and NEGATIVE RESPONSES directly to the their DLA Troop Support Contracting Officer with a courtesy copy to the Consumer Safety Officer (dscpconssafofc@dla.mil).
- d. DeCA, AAFES, MWR, VA, MCCS, or other non-DLA Troop Support agencies SHOULD NOT respond to the DLA Troop Support Consumer Safety Officer. These agencies should report POSITIVE and NEGATIVE responses in accordance with their agency recall policies.
- e. When corresponding with DLA Troop Support concerning this message please include this message's subject in your subject line.

**8. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is CW3 Tony Hemphill**, Consumer Safety Officer at DLA-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2922, Commercial (215) 737-2922, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526, email [dscpconssafofc@dla.mil](mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil).

**9. Individuals or groups that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to [dscpconssafofc@dla.mil](mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil)**, with "add to list" in the subject line. To be removed from the list place "remove from list" in the subject line.

**10. Previous recalls and frequently asked questions are available at the following web site:** <http://www.troopsupport.dla.mil/subs/fso/alfood/alfood.asp> . The navigation tool to the left allows you to also view DLA Troop Support Alerts and Archived Vendor Recalls.

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