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DSCP-FTW ALFOODACT 2023-050 November 25, 2023

#### MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2023-050 - Expansion to ALFOODACT 2023-045 and 2023-047 and 2023-049 Pacific Trellis Fruit Recalls Malichita Brand Cantaloupes Due to Possible Health Risk

- 1. **REFERENCE:** DHA-MSR 6025.01/AR 40-660/ DLAR 6025.01/NAVSUPINST 10110.8D/AFI 48-161\_IP/MCO 10110.38D, DOD Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System, 6 September 2018.
- 2. **COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT:** SOFIA PRODUCE, LLC, of Nogales, Arizona which does business under the name "Trufresh" ("Trufresh") is recalling all sizes of fresh cantaloupes packaged in cardboard containers labeled with the "Malichita" label, sold under the following sales order numbers between October 16, 2023 and October 23, 2023 because they have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The Cantaloupes were distributed directly to the following States in the United States: Arizona, California. Maryland, New Jersey, Tennessee, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Texas, Florida and Canada. The Cantaloupes would have reached consumers through retail produce markets which may be located in states other than those listed above.

There have been no reported illnesses associated with the subject cantaloupes, to date.

Consumers should take the following actions: Check to see if you have recalled products, Do not consume, serve, use, sell, or distribute recalled products, Recalled products should be thrown out or returned to the location where they were purchased, Consumers who are unsure if they

have purchased the recalled product are advised to contact their retailer, and if you think you became sick from consuming a recalled product, contact your healthcare provider.

Information for Buyers: Trufresh is contacting each of the individual buyers under the foregoing orders to advise them of the recall. If the buyers associated with the above sales order numbers have not already been contacted by Trufresh, they should contact Trufresh at the number below. Buyers associated with the above sales order numbers should remove any remaining product from their sales inventory. The Buyers should then dispose of the product and retain their records of disposal. Order Numbers: 0128556, 0128624, 0128630, 0128632, 0128640, 0128643, 0128644, 0128646, 0128648, 0128651, -0128656, 0128669, 0128680, 0128682, 0128683, 0128700, 0225200, 0225201, 0225206, 0225214, 0225219, 0225222, 0225226, 0225227, 0225228, 0419611, 0419629, 0419630, 0419636, 0419671, 0419688, 0419693, 0419696, 0419697, 0419704, 0419710, 0419718, 0419772, 0516255, 0516268, 0516271, 0516279, 0516301, 0612143, 0612144, 0612148, 0612154, 0612156, 0612158, 0612171, 0612190, 0612191, 0612197, 0612198, 0612209, 0612225.

SOFIA PRODUCE, LLC, of Nogales, Arizona which does business under the name "Trufresh" ("Trufresh") has expanded its recall of all sizes of fresh cantaloupes packaged in cardboard containers labeled with the "Malichita" label, to include the following **additional sales order numbers** distributed between October 16, 2023 and October 23, 2023 because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The **additional sales order numbers** are: **128663**, **128712**, **128713**, **128662**, **128680**, **225252**, **225231**, **419719**, **419721**, **419828**, **419803**, **612235**, **612273**.

Vinyard Fruit and Vegetable Company of Oklahoma City, OK, is recalling freshcut cantaloupe products because they have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella.

Some of the freshcut cantaloupe products have best-by dates stretching to Nov. 22. Because of a Nov. 8 recall of fresh, whole cantaloupes by Sophia Foods LLC, doing business as Trufresh, in response to a notification by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency of a potential contamination with Salmonella, Vinyard Fruit and Vegetable Company is issuing this recall. Cantaloupes recalled by Sophia Foods LLC were used as a raw material in 12 Vinyard cantaloupe products.

Jewel Marketing and Agribusiness LLC. (dba Crown Jewels Produce) of Fresno, CA is recalling all sizes of 1960 boxes of Malichita / Z Farms Cantaloupes sold between October 31, 2023 and November 9, 2023, because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Product was distributed to Ohio, and California through retail and wholesale outlets.

Product was in boxes with a "wood-like" cardboard cartons with the Label "Malichita / Z Farms. The Price Lookup Sticker on the individual fruit is labeled "Malichita".

For Immediate Release, November 22, 2023 SOFIA PRODUCE, LLC, of Nogales, Arizona which does business under the name "Trufresh" ("Trufresh") has expanded its recall of all sizes of fresh cantaloupes packaged in cardboard containers labeled with the "Malichita" label, and also labeled with the "Rudy" label to include all cantaloupes sold between the dates of October 10, 2023 and November 3, 2023, because they have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella.

The cantaloupes were distributed directly to the following States in the United States: Arizona, California. Connecticut, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Texas, Florida and Canada. The cantaloupes would have reached consumers through retail produce markets which may be located in states other than those listed above.

**The Rudy brand** cantaloupes are packaged in cardboard containers bearing the "Rudy" label (picture attached). The Rudy brand cantaloupes also have an individual PLU sticker placed upon each cantaloupe in the form of the attached picture. As shown in the picture, the PLU sticker 4050 This label will identify individual Rudy cantaloupes purchased by consumers.

CF Dallas, LLC is voluntarily recalling select fresh-cut products made from whole cantaloupe subject to a previously announced product recall initiated by Sofia Produce, LLC dba Trufresh due to potential Salmonella contamination. All CF Dallas fresh-cut fruit products associated with the recalled whole cantaloupe have expired, however consumers who have purchased these items and may have frozen them for later use are urged not to consume the products and to dispose of them immediately or return the items to their local store for a full refund.

As of November 22, there have been no illnesses reported related to CF Dallas fresh-cut products. The fresh-cut fruit products containing recalled cantaloupe were distributed to select retail stores in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Illinois, Texas, and Louisiana. The products are packaged in clear square or round plastic containers, marked with a lot code and "best by" date on the label.

Pacific Trellis Fruit, LLC dba Dulcinea is initiating a voluntary recall of 4,872 cases of Malichita brand whole cantaloupe. The voluntary recall is due to the FDAs ongoing investigation of an outbreak involving Malichita brand cantaloupe. The cantaloupes have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy people may experience fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea (which may be bloody), and abdominal pain. In rare cases the organism can get into the bloodstream and produce more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The products were distributed between October 18th - 26th in California, Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin, and sold in various retail supermarkets. The whole cantaloupe is packed in corrugated cartons, the price look-up sticker is labeled "Malichita".

3. **PRODUCTS AFFECTED:** The Cantaloupes are packaged in cardboard containers bearing the "Malichita" Label (picture attached). The cantaloupes also have an individual PLU sticker placed upon each cantaloupe in the form of the attached picture. As shown in the picture, the PLU sticker has a top half which is white which has the word "Malichita" written in script in black letters. The bottom of the PLU sticker is black and has the number "4050" prominently displayed in white letters together with the words "Product of Mexico/produit du Mexique". This label will identify individual Malichita cantaloupes purchased by consumers.

Product Code	Description	Best By Date(s)/VFVC Code
2972-3	Fruit Medley Cup 6 oz Cup	11/14/2023 11/19/2023
3300-3	Cantaloupe Cube (2/5 lb Tray)	VFVC 306, VFVC 307, VFVC 310, VFVC 311, VFVC 312, VFVC 313
3338-3	Fruit Mix Kit (4/5 lb Tray)	VFVC 306, VFVC 307, VFVC 312
2963-3	3 Melon 6 oz Cup	11/14/2023 11/18/2023 11/19/2023
3330-3	Fruit Mix (2/5 lb Tray)	VFVC 306, VFVC 310
3301-3	Cantaloupe Cube (5 lb Tray)	VFVC 307,VFVC 312
3304-3	Cantaloupe Cubed 12 oz Cup	11/19/2023 11/20/2023
0526-3	Melon Variety Pack	VFVC 307,VFVC 311, VFVC 313
2964-3	3 Melon Medley 6 oz Cup	11/15/2023
2973-3	Fruit Medley 6 oz Cup	11/15/2023 11/17/2023
2976-3	Cantaloupe Chunks 6 oz Cup	11/15/2023
3329-3	Fruit Mix 12 Oz Cup	11/19/2023

Voluntarily recalled items include the specific products, lot codes, and expiration dates below. No other products are affected. (CF Dallas, LLC):

Brand Name	Item Name	UPC	Wt	Lot	Best By Date
Freshness Guaranteed	Seasonal Blend	6 81131 18048 1	10oz NCC 0103 NCN 0103		11/7/2023 11/10/2023
Freshness Guaranteed	Seasonal Blend	6 81131 18049 8	16oz	NCC 0103 NCN 0103	11/7/2023 11/10/2023
Freshness Guaranteed	Seasonal Blend	1 94346 12155 7	55 7 42oz NCC NCN		11/7/2023 11/10/2023
Freshness Guaranteed	Melon Trio	1 94346 09717 3	16oz	NCC 0103 NCN 0103	11/7/2023 11/10/2023
Freshness Guaranteed	Melon Mix	1 94346 12151 9	32oz	NCC 0103 NCN 0103	11/7/2023 11/10/2023
Freshness Guaranteed	Fruit Blend	6 81131 03704 4	16oz	NCC 0103 NCN 0103	11/7/2023 11/10/2023
Freshness Guaranteed	Fruit Bowl	6 81131 18023 8 40oz		NCC 0103 NCN 0103	11/7/2023 11/10/2023
Freshness Guaranteed	Seasonal Fruit Tray	6 81131 18022 1	48oz	NCC 0103 NCN 0103	11/9/2023 11/12/2023
Freshness Guaranteed	Fruit Mix	1 94346 12152 6	32oz	NCN 0103	11/10/2023
Freshness Guaranteed	Cantaloupe Chunks	6 81131 18014 6	10oz	NCC 0103 NCN 0103	11/7/2023 11/10/2023
Freshness Guaranteed	Cantaloupe Chunks	6 81131 18015 3	16oz	NCC 0103 NCN 0103	11/7/2023 11/10/2023

Brand Name Item Nam		e	UPC	Wt		Lot		Best By Date
RaceTrac	Fruit Medley		0 74641 00248 8	6oz		NCC 0103 NCN 0103		11/7/2023 11/8/2023
Brand Item		Description		PL	Lot Co		ode	
Malichita		Whole Cantaloupe		4050		21651		
Malichita		Whole Cantaloupe			4050		21699	
Malichita		Whole Cantaloupe		4050		21775		
Malichita		Whole Cantaloupe		4050		21787		
Malichita		Whole Cantaloupe		4050		21870		

## 4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES:









5. **CONTACT INFORMATION:** Consumers who have purchased the recalled products may obtain additional information by contacting Rafael Roiz, Tru Fresh's representative Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time at (520) 394-7370.

## 6. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FINDINGS.

a. **Army Veterinary Services and Air Force Public Health Personnel:** Report negative and positive findings in the Veterinary Service Information Management System (VSIMS) Subsistence Recalls application. If you are not in one of these two groups, please use the instructions below (paragraphs b-d).

## b. Navy:

- 1) SHIPS AT SEA: Must report positive and negative findings to supporting Veterinary Service unit. Are authorized to destroy or dispose of recalled products utilizing the procedures and reporting requirements outlined in NAVSUP P-486 Paragraph 5302 and 6000(4), to include completion of a DD Form 200 and Standard Form 364. Procedures for completing the DD Form 200 are found in NAVSUP P-486 Paragraph 6001. Procedures for completing Standard Form 364 are found in NAVSUP P-486 Paragraph 5300(2)(c).
- 2) SHIPS IN PORT/HOMEPORTED/ASHORE GALLEYS: Supporting Veterinary Service unit will conduct inspection and report positive and negative findings in VSIMS Subsistence Recalls application. Contact the appropriate DLA Account Manager via Regional NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (NAVSUP FLC) to arrange pickup of recall items. Contact your supporting (NAVSUP FLC) for any issues regarding PV Pickup. Proceed with the same guidance in the paragraph above.
- c. **Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Contractors**: Report positive and negative findings to your Contracting Officer, Contracting Specialist, TVLS, and <u>dscpconssafofc@dla.mil</u> within 72-hours. Positive Response Information required: (Vendor must provide all the following information):
  - 1) ALFOODACT 202X-XXX
  - 2) DLA Contract Number:
  - 3) Unit of Measure:
  - 4) Quantity Currently in Stock:
  - 5) List of customers that received product AND (a-h) for each customer:
    - a) Customer name and location:
    - b) DLA Purchase Order Number:
    - c) Vendor Invoice Number:
    - d) Item Stock number (LSN, NSN):
    - e) Quantity Shipped:
    - f) Date Shipped:
    - g) Value of Affected Product:
    - h) Amount of credit due:
- d. AAFES, MWR, NEX, MCCS, DeCA, DLA, dining facilities, and all other agencies, report your findings in accordance with the procedures outlined by your agency.
- 7. If you know of others who need to receive Subsistence Recall messages, click <u>Subscribe</u> (Add the following to an email if the link does not work; Subject: Subscribe to Subsistence Recall Notifications, Email address: <u>usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-vsims@health.mil</u>). If you no longer need to receive Subsistence Recall messages, click <u>Unsubscribe</u> (Add the following to an email if the link does not work; Subject: Unsubscribe from Subsistence Recall Notifications, Email address: <u>usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-vsims@health.mil</u>).

- 8. Previous recalls are available on the DLA-TS Food Safety Office website: <a href="https://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodSafety/fso/ALFOODACT/">https://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodSafety/fso/ALFOODACT/</a>.
- 9. Point of contact for ALFOODACT messages is the undersigned at commercial telephone 215-737-0329/DSN: 312-444-0329, or dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

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