

**Subject:** ALFOODACT 022-2011 True Leaf Farms Announces Voluntary Recall of Bagged, Chopped Romaine (Veterinary Command # 06-0047)

**Date Issued:** September 29, 2011

**1. REFERENCES:**

a. DLAR 4155.26/AR 40-660/NAVSUPINST 10110.8c/AFI 48-116/MCO 10110.38c, DODHazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System.

b. Allied Communications Publication 121, US SUPP-1 (f).

**2. BACKGROUND:**

True Leaf Farms is voluntarily recalling 90 cartons of chopped romaine because of the potential of contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The recalled product was shipped between September 12 and 13 to an institutional food service distributor in Oregon who further distributed it to at least two additional states, Washington and Idaho. The romaine affected by this recall has a "use by date" of 9/29/11.

True Leaf Farms is working with FDA to inform consumers of this recall. In addition, the company is working with its food service distribution customers to ensure that other romaine products that may be implicated are pulled from the market. FDA notified the company today that a sample taken as part of a random check from a single bag of chopped romaine tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*.

No illnesses related to this finding have been reported.

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

The recalled bags of romaine were packed in True Leaf Farms cardboard cartons and distributed by Church Brothers, LLC, and shipped between September 12 and 13, 2011. All bags carry a "use by date" of 9/29/11. Produce affected by the recall was labeled as follows:

2# bags, chopped romaine – Bag and box code B256-46438-8

Anyone who has in their possession the recalled romaine as described above should not consume it, and should either destroy it or call Church Brothers, LLC for product pickup.

This recall includes only chopped romaine as described above.

**Photos of the recalled product can be viewed at**

[www.churchbrothers.com/recall/](http://www.churchbrothers.com/recall/) .

**4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:**

VC# 06-0047

Church Brothers

1275 San Justo Road

San Juan Bautista, California 95045

PO Box 509

Salinas, CA 93902-0509

831-623-7100, Fax 831-623-7186

E-mail [benjamin@trueleaffarms.com](mailto:benjamin@trueleaffarms.com)

**5. DISTRIBUTION:** Other;

Multi-state: Commercially, the recalled product was shipped between September 12 and 13 to an institutional food service distributor in Oregon who further distributed it to at least two additional states, Washington and Idaho. This establishment is listed in the Worldwide Directory Of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments For Armed Forces Procurement with a VC# 06-0047.

**6. REASON FOR ACTION:** Because of the potential of contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

## 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](mailto: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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