

**SUBJECT:** ALFOODACT 026-2011 River Ranch Fresh Foods, LLC of Salinas, CA, Issues Voluntary Recalls of 2,154 Cases of Various Bagged Salads "Veterinary Command Number 06-0430"

**Date Issued:** October 14, 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:**

River Ranch Fresh Foods, LLC of Salinas, CA, which produces bagged salads for Hy-Vee and other supermarket chains, has issued a voluntary recall of 2,154 cases of various bagged salads due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Routine random tests conducted by the Ohio Department of Agriculture indicated the presence of the listeria organism in a bagged salad product produced by River Ranch for the Giant Eagle chain, based in Pittsburgh, PA. As a result, River Ranch has issued the recall for Giant Eagle's Farmers Market brand salads and the Hy-Vee salads produced at its facility on September 27, 2011. These products carry a "Best By" date of October 14, 2011.

To date, there have been no reported cases of customer illness due to consumption of these items. Four varieties of Hy-Vee bagged salads, each carrying a "Best By" date of 14OCT2011, are covered by the recall. All potentially affected products have been removed from Hy-Vee stores, and a register sale block has been implemented to ensure none of this product is inadvertently sold to consumers.

No other products or code dates are affected by the recall.

The *Listeria monocytogenes* organism can cause listeriosis, a condition characterized by high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. These symptoms generally are mild and of short duration in healthy individuals, but the organism can produce serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people and other adults with weakened immune systems. Listeriosis also can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Consumers who are concerned about illness as a result of consuming this product should contact a health care provider.

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

Four varieties of Hy-Vee bagged salads, each carrying a "Best By" date of 14OCT2011, are covered by the recall.

Item Hy-Vee 8 oz Shredded Iceberg  
UPC Number 75450-12053  
Code Date/Julian Date BEST BY 14OCT2011 A106A and A106B

Item Hy-Vee 12 oz. American Blend  
UPC Number 75450-12047  
Code Date/Julian Date BEST BY 14OCT2011 A106A and A106B

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 14OCT2011 A106A and A106B

**4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:**

River Ranch Fresh Foods, LLC of  
1085 Abbott Street  
Salinas, CA. 93915  
1-800-538-5868

**5. DISTRIBUTION:** All

**6. REASON FOR ACTION:** Due to possible 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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