

Subject: ALFOODACT 003-2012 Further Expansion to ALFOODACT 043-2011 and ALFOODACT 042-2011 of Green Valley Food Corp. Recalls “Let’s Grow HealthyTogether!” Alfalfa Sprouts

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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).

2. BACKGROUND/EXPANSION:

EXPANSION:

Green Valley Food Corp. is expanding its recall to include additional products because of a possible health risk. Products which were distributed from 12/07/2011 to 1/1/2012 are affected in this recall and/or if the items have a use by date ranging from 12/22/2011 to 1/17/2012.

Green Valley Food Corp. of Dallas, Texas is recalling approximately 35,159 cases of a variety of products because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Random samples tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism, which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

On 12/12/2011 a random sample was taken from a customer the product tested positive for *Salmonella*. Green Valley Food Corp. voluntarily recalled the alfalfa-based products when we were notified of the positive result on 12/23/2011 and 12/24/2011. On 12/21/2011 random samples were taken of our facility, several samples had a positive result for *Listeria monocytogenes*. To assure our customers of safe products, Green Valley Food Corp., is voluntarily recalling the additional items listed, which consist of “Let’s Grow Healthy Together”, “Green Valley Food Corp.” and “BroccoSprouts” branded products.

Any customer who received any of the products on 12/07/2011 to 1/1/2012 are affected in this recall and/or if the items have a use by date ranging from 12/22/2011 to 1/17/2012. The original recall was initiated on 12/23/11 and 12/24/11, we are adding the additional items mentioned in this recall.

The sprouts affected in this recall were distributed via truck deliveries to all customers in Texas. Our customers consist on grocery store distribution centers and food service customers

(December 23, 2011)

Green Valley Food Corporation is expanding their recall to include three additional products and UPCs. List of expanded product can be found under paragraph three below.

BACKGROUND: (December 23, 2011)

Green Valley Food Corp. of is recalling 650 cases of “Let’s Grow Healthy Together!” Alfalfa Sprouts 5 oz. containers, because the results showed to be contaminated with Salmonella, an organism that 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.

There has been no related illnesses CONFIRMED because of this recall.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

EXPANDED PRODUCTS:

The items affected in the recall are as follows, which includes all items from the original press release from 12/23/2011:

“Let’s Grow Healthy Together!” Alfalfa Sprouts 5 oz. plastic 2 piece containers with the UPC number 714722228818

“Let’s Grow Healthy Together!” Spicy Sprouts 5 oz. plastic 2 piece containers with the UPC number 714722229914

Alfalfa Sprouts 4oz. plastic security sealed clamshell UPC number 815098001088

“Green Valley Food Corp.” Onion Sprouts” 4oz. plastic security sealed clamshell UPC number 815098002054

“Let’s Grow Healthy Together!” Sunflower Greens 5 oz. plastic 2 piece containers with the UPC number 714722206069

“Let’s Grow Healthy Together!” Clover Sprouts 5 oz. plastic 2 piece containers with the UPC number 714722225510

“Let’s Grow Healthy Together!” Onion Sprouts 2 oz. plastic 2 piece containers with the UPC number 714722227712

“Let’s Grow Healthy Together!” Zesty Sprouts 5 oz. plastic 2 piece containers with the UPC number 714722221116

“Let’s Grow Healthy Together!” Organic Wheat Grass 6oz. plastic 2 piece containers with the UPC number 714722608122

“Let’s Grow Healthy Together!” Mung Bean Sprouts 8oz. red polypropylene bag with the UPC number 714722208087

"Let's Grow Healthy Together!" Mung Bean Sprouts 8oz. clear polypropylene bag with the UPC number 815098001071

"Let's Grow Healthy Together!" Mung Bean Sprouts 16 oz. clear polypropylene bag with a green label, the UPC number 714722208162

"Green Valley Food Corp." Spicy Sprouts 4 oz. plastic security sealed clamshell containers with the UPC number 815098002023

"Green Valley Food Corp." Snow Pea Shoots 3 oz. plastic security sealed clamshell containers with the UPC number 714722106062

"Green Valley Food Corp." Organic Wheatgrass 4 oz. plastic security sealed clamshell containers with UPC number 714722608122

"Green Valley Food Corp." Daikon Sprouts 3 oz. plastic security sealed clamshell containers with UPC number 714722206076

"Broccosprouts" Sandwich Blend 4 oz. plastic security sealed clamshell containers with UPC number 815098000289

"Broccosprouts" Salad Blend 4 oz. plastic security sealed clamshell containers with UPC number 815098000265

"Broccosprouts" Deli Blend 4 oz. plastic security sealed clamshell containers with the UPC number 815098000272

"Broccosprouts" Broccoli Sprouts 4 oz. plastic security sealed clamshell containers with UPC number 815098000258

(December 27, 2012)

"Let's Grow Healthy Together!" Alfalfa Sprouts 5 oz. container is 4 inches by 4 inches with the UPC number 714722228818. The label has blue lettering that states "Let's Grow Healthy Together!" Alfalfa Sprouts.

"Let's Grow Healthy Together!" Spicy Sprouts 5 oz. container is 4 inches by 4 inches with the UPC number 71472222991. The label will have red lettering stating "Let's Grow Healthy Together!" Spicy Sprouts.

Alfalfa Sprouts 4oz. is a clamshell measuring 4 inches by 5 inches with the UPC number 815098001088. The label has green lettering stating "100% Natural Alfalfa Sprouts".

"100% Natural Onion Sprouts" 4oz. clamshell measures 4 inches by 5 inches with UPC number 815098002054. The label has yellow lettering stating "100% Natural Onion Sprouts"

(December 23, 2011)

The product is in a plastic container that measures 4-inch by 4-inch container that has a lid. The containers UPC number is 714722228818. The label has blue lettering that states "Let's Grow Healthy Together!" Alfalfa Sprouts 5 oz. containers. The code date on the shipping box is an orange tag that will state the number,"3440210". The "Let's Grow Healthy Together!" Alfalfa Sprouts 5 oz. containers will have a white tag on the upper right hand side of the label with the date of 1/1/2012.

4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

Green Valley Food Corp
214-939-3900
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5. DISTRIBUTION: "Let's Grow Healthy Together!" Alfalfa Sprouts 5 oz. containers were distributed in Texas

6. REASON FOR ACTION: Because sampling results showed product to be contaminated with Salmonella

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 .

9. Individuals or groups that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to 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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