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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2018-016 – Rombola Family Farms Rockmelon (Cantaloupe) - Listeria

Date Issued: 13 March 2018

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.

2. Background: Health and Food authorities in New South Wales (NSW) Australia are advising consumers who are most vulnerable to Listeria infection such as older persons, and people who have weakened immune systems due to illness or pregnancy, to avoid eating rockmelon after a recent spike in listeriosis cases in elderly people has been linked to the fruit. All states and territories are working together to investigate the outbreak and to date they have identified ten cases in elderly patients in NSW (six), Victoria (one) and Queensland (three) with onset of illness notification dates between 17 January and 9 February 2018. All 10 cases consumed rockmelon prior to their illness. The outbreak has been linked to a grower in Nericon NSW. The company voluntarily ceased production on Friday 23 February 2018, shortly after being notified of a potential link to illness and is working proactively with the Authority to further investigate how any contamination could have occurred in order to get back into production as soon as possible. On 13 March, the grower/packer information was released to the public: Rombola Family Farms.

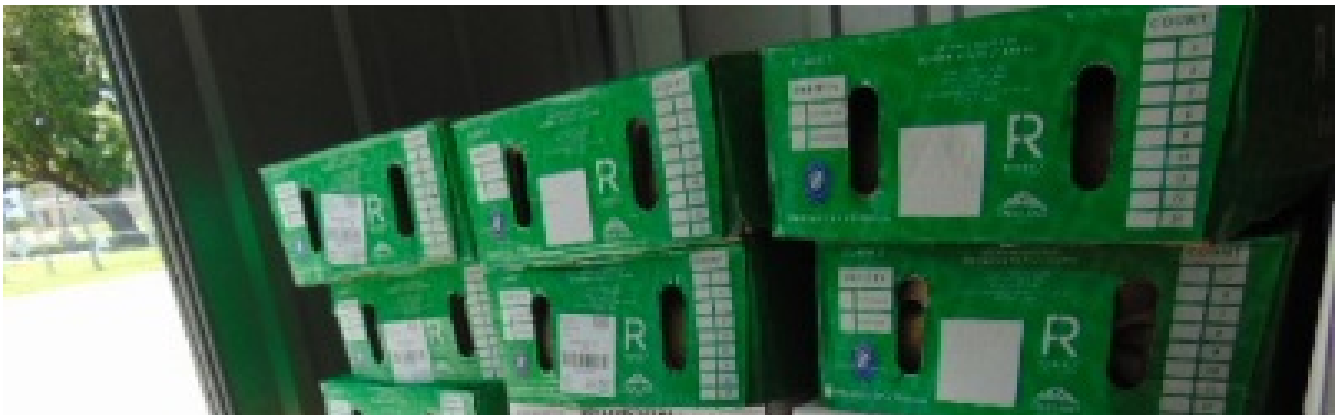
Listeriosis is caused by eating food contaminated with a bacterium called Listeria monocytogenes, which is extremely harmful to those who are older, pregnant or have underlying health conditions, such as cancer, diabetes, heart and kidney disease.

3. Product affected: All cantaloupe from Rombola Family Farms.

Grown & Packed by:
Rombola Family Farms
Farm 15 Dickie Road
Nericon, NSW 2680
P: 02 6962 2279
E: sales@rombolafamilyfarms.com.au
Reg No: 2470

Please immediately place product on medical hold, and contact your supplier for disposition instructions.

4. Product Photos:







5. Contact Information: sales@rombolafamilyfarms.com.au

6. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FINDINGS:

a. Air Force Public Health personnel involved in the installation pilot program, and Army Public Health personnel, report your negative and positive findings [HERE](#). If you are **not** in one of these two groups, please use the instructions below (paragraphs b-d).

NOTE: The Air Force is currently in a pilot program to utilize the VSIMS Subsistence Recalls application for ALFOODACT responses. Additional installations will be phased in over time. If you have been informed of this responsibility by your MAJCOM PHO or AFMSA, please use the link above. If not, please report your findings in accordance with your current policy.

b. Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Contractors, report positive and negative findings to your Contracting Officer.

c. 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 (For instructions on how to "Properly Prepare a Standard Form" (SF) 364 please use this link: <http://www.dla.mil/LandandMaritime/Offers/Services/TechnicalSupport/Logistics/Packaging/PrepareSF364.aspx> and forward to your supporting NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (NAVSUP FLC) and copy furnished to NAVSUP 51. Your supporting NAVSUP FLC 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 with reimbursement to the PV. The PV will submit credit invoice to the account manager at DLA Troop Support.

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. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is CW4 Jemme Neal, Consumer Safety Officer at DLA-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2922, Commercial (215) 737-2922 or email: dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

8. Individuals or groups that would like to BEGIN receiving recall messages electronically can submit request [HERE](#).

9. To STOP receiving recall messages, submit your request [HERE](#).

10. Previous recalls are available at the following web site:
<http://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodSafety/fso/ALFOODACT.aspx>.

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