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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2018-033 – Corrected update to ALFOODACT 2018-030 Church Brothers Recall Romaine Lettuce - Possible E. coli Contamination

Date Issued: 17 April 2018

Updates to the original text of ALFOODACT 2018-030 are in black font and updates are in red.

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: Church Brothers has initiated a Recall - Class I of Chopped Romaine Lettuce after information collected by the CDC and FDA indicates that chopped romaine lettuce from the Yuma, Arizona growing region could be contaminated with *E. coli* O157:H7 and could make people sick. However, a common grower, supplier, distributor or brand has not been identified at this time. Food contaminated with *E. coli* may not look or smell spoiled, but can still make you sick. Symptoms can include nausea, vomiting, mild to severe abdominal cramps and watery to bloody diarrhea. In severe cases of illness, some people may have seizures or strokes, need blood transfusions and kidney dialysis or live with permanent kidney damage. In severe cases of illness, people may die. There is a food safety concern.

The CDC and FDA reports 35 confirmed cases of *E. coli* infections in 11 states, 22 people have been hospitalized, three have developed kidney problems as a severe complication to having the infection and no deaths have been reported.

Church Brothers has not reported any illnesses associated with the specific product listed below.

UPDATE:

On 15 April 2018, US Foods distributed an incident report that stated Church Brothers had initiated a Class 1 recall for their romaine products. On 16 April, the Food Safety Office at DLA received a memorandum from Church Brothers/True Leaf Farms stating they have NOT INITIATED ANY RECALLS of romaine or any other products. **US Foods issued a retraction/clarification indicating that the 14 April 2018 notification incorrectly stated Church Brothers initiated the recall. The voluntary recall was issued by US FOODS, not Church Brothers.**

Any questions or clarifications please contact:

De Ann Davis, VP Food Safety & Quality:

DeAnn@churchbrothers.com

831-623-7193

OR

Steve Church, Chairman

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3. Product affected:

Product Code	MPC	PACK/SZ	BRAND	DESCRIPTION	Other Details
9332230		6/2 LB	CROSS VALLEY FARMS	LETTUCE RMN CHPD 1 1/4"	Manufacturer Code starting with N or D followed by a 3 digit code 100 or less

Updated Guidance for affected customers:

Any Church Brothers product placed on medical should be released.

Customer with Church Brothers product distributed by US Foods should contact the distributor for further instruction.

4. Product Labels/Pictures: None Provided.

5. Contact Information:

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6. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FINDINGS:

a. Army and Air Force Public Health personnel, report your 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. Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Contractors, report positive and negative findings to your Contracting Officer, Contracting Specialist, TVLS and dscpconssafofc@dla.mil within 72 hours:

Positive Response Information required: (Vendor must provide all of the following information):

1) ALFOODACT 201X-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:

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 CPT (P) Janas Gray, Food Safety Officer at DLA-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2934, Commercial (215) 737-2934 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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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM US FOODS

Calls from US Foods—Instant Recall™ will come from the following number:

1-800-919-5439



RETRACTION/CORRECTION: Recall Notification

Dear US Foods Customer,

This is an important RETRACTION/CORRECTION from your food supplier, US Foods. We are contacting you about a product Recall event. US Foods has deployed the Instant Recall™ solution, an automated product Recall event notification system.

Retraction/Correction of Prior Notification: Please be advised US Foods' previously issued voluntary recall notification sent on April 14, 2018 incorrectly stated that Church Brothers had initiated the recall. The voluntary recall was, in fact, issued by US Foods, not Church Brothers. No other changes have been made to this recall notification.

US Foods is conducting a voluntary Recall of Church Brothers Romaine Lettuce. US Foods is issuing a Recall due to potential E. coli contamination. There is a potential food safety concern.

Our records show that this product may have been sent to your location. **It is urgent that you stop using affected product as soon as possible.**

THE AFFECTED PRODUCT(S) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Item Number	MPC	PACK/SZ	BRAND	DESCRIPTION	ADDITIONAL DETAILS
3332236		4/5 LB	CROSS VALLEY FARMS	SALAD MIX ICBRG RMN 80/20 SEP	Manufacturer Code starting with N or D followed by a 3 digit code 100 or less
3613445		6/2 LB	CROSS VALLEY FARMS	LETTUCE RMN CHPD 1X1" POLLY	Manufacturer Code starting with N or D followed by a 3 digit code 100 or less
5331947		4/5 LB	CROSS VALLEY FARMS	SALAD MIX ICBRG RMN 80/20 W/	Manufacturer Code starting with N or D followed by a 3 digit code 100 or less
6349377		4/5 LB	CROSS VALLEY FARMS	SALAD MIX ICBRG RMN 80/20 SEP	Manufacturer Code starting with N or D followed by a 3 digit code 100 or less
8332223		4/5 LB	CROSS VALLEY FARMS	SALAD MIX ICBRG RMN 50/50	Manufacturer Code starting with N or D followed by a 3 digit code 100 or less
8642555		9/2 LB	DARDEN	NOURISH & DELIGHT LETTUCE RMN CHPD FRESH REF	Manufacturer Code starting with N or D followed by a 3 digit code 100 or less
9207329		10/3 LB	TRUE LEAF	SALAD MIX ICBRG RMN CBG	Manufacturer Code starting with N or D followed by a 3 digit code 100 or less
9332230		6/2 LB	CROSS	LETTUCE RMN CHPD 1	Manufacturer Code starting with N

		VALLEY FARMS	1/4"	or D followed by a 3 digit code 100 or less
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PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- Review your inventory for the above listed product.
- If you find any of the affected product, please record the number of cases and then **DESTROY THE PRODUCT. Please notify any parties that may have received the affected product if further distributed by your organization and provide them with disposition instructions to ensure removal from the marketplace.**
- To help ensure proper credit, please visit <https://myinstantrecall.com> or call 1-800-919-5439 as soon as possible, to report the number of cases that you find. It is very important that you report your product count. When calling 1-800-919-5439, please enter the Incident Number: **3978**.
- You must report your product counts no later than **TUESDAY, APRIL 24**.
- **When you receive an automated phone call from 1-800-919-5439, it is important to take that call and listen to the affected product details. The system will continue to call you until you listen to the product details.**
- You may also call the automated hotline to confirm that you received this notification, which will stop the automated calls for this incident. Calling the hotline from the phone number the system called you on (usually your location's main phone number), or entering that number when prompted, will ensure that no further automated calls are attempted.
- If there is any confusion regarding the information in this message please place the product on hold, and contact your Customer Service Representative for assistance.

For up to date information you can dial this number at any time: **1-800-919-5439**