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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2019-015 – Henry Avocado Recalls Whole Avocados Because Of Possible Health Risk

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1. REFERENCES:

a. DHA-MSR 6025.01/AR 40-660/ DLAR 6025.01/NAVSUPINST 10110.8D/AFI48-161_IP/MCO 10110.38D, DOD Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System, 6 September 2018.

2. Background: Henry Avocado Corporation is voluntarily recalling California-grown whole avocados sold in bulk at retail stores because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Henry Avocado is issuing this voluntary recall out of an abundance of caution due to positive test results on environmental samples taken during a routine government inspection at its California packing facility.

There are no reported illnesses associated with this recall.

Listeria monocytogenes is 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.

3. Product affected:

California-grown conventional and organic avocados -- were packed at Henry Avocado's packing facility in California and distributed in Arizona, California, Florida New Hampshire, North Carolina and Wisconsin. All shipments from the packing facility are subject to the recall (Henry Avocado did not begin packing there until late January 2019). Avocados imported from Mexico and distributed by Henry Avocado are not subject to the recall and may continue to be sold and consumed.

PLEASE PLACE THE PRODUCT ON MEDICAL HOLD AND CONTACT YOUR SUPPLIER FOR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS

4. Product Labels/Pictures:



5. Contact Information: Consumers who have purchased any recalled avocados are urged not to consume them, but to discard them or return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with further questions may contact Henry Avocado at (760) 745-6632, Ext 132 or visit www.henryavocado.com/media.

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. Navy:

SHIPS AT SEA: Must report positive and negative findings to supporting Veterinary Service unit. Are authorized to destroy or dispose of recalled products utilizing the procedures and reporting requirements outlined in NAVSUP P-486 Paragraph 5302 and 6000(4), to include completion of a DD Form 200 and Standard Form 364. Procedures for completing the DD Form 200 are found in NAVSUP P-486 Paragraph 6001. Procedures for completing Standard Form 364 are found in NAVSUP P-486 Paragraph 5300(2)(c).

SHIPS IN PORT/HOMEPORTED/ASHORE GALLEYS: Supporting Veterinary Service unit will conduct inspection and report positive and negative findings in VSIMS Subsistence Recalls application. Contact the appropriate DLA Account Manager via Regional NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (NAVSUP FLC) to arrange pickup of recall items. Contact your supporting (NAVSUP FLC) for any issues regarding PV Pickup. Proceed with the same guidance as above.

c. Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Contractors, report positive and negative findings to your Contracting Officer, Contracting Specialist, TVLS and dscpconssafofc@dla.mill 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:

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 CW3 Garcia, Eugene, Consumer Safety Officer at DLA-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-4847, Commercial (215) 737-4847 or email: dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

8. Individuals or groups that would like to BEGIN receiving recall messages electronically can submit request usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-vsims@mail.mil. Copy and paste email address in to your email platform and ensure you title the subject accordingly.

9. To STOP receiving recall messages, submit your request usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-vsims@mail.mil. Copy and paste email address in to your email platform and ensure you title the subject accordingly.

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

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