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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2020-033 – Tanimura & Antle Inc. Issues Voluntary Recall of its Packaged Single-Head Romaine Lettuce due to Possible *E. coli* O157:H7 Contamination

Date Issued: 6 November 2020

1. REFERENCES:

a. DHA-MSR 6025.01/AR 40-660/ DLAR 6025.01/NAVSUPINST 10110.8D/AFI 48-161_IP/MCO 10110.38D, DOD Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System, 6 September 2018.

BACKGROUND: Out of an abundance of caution, Tanimura & Antle Inc. is voluntarily recalling its packaged single head romaine lettuce under the Tanimura & Antle brand, labeled with a packed on date of 10/15/2020 or 10/16/2020, due to possible contamination with *E. coli* O157:H7. Packages contain a single head of romaine lettuce with the UPC number 0-27918-20314-9.

A total of 3,396 cartons of potentially affected product were distributed in the United States to the following states: AK, OR, CA, TX, AR, OK, IN, NE, MO, TN, WI, NM, SC, WA, NC, OH, VA, MA, PR, and IL.

The potentially affected product was shipped in cases packed in either 12, 15, 18 or 24 heads per case. Retailers and distributors can identify the potentially affected products through the Produce Traceability Initiative (PTI) sticker attached to exterior of the case. The PTI codes are 571280289SRS1 and 571280290SRS1.

It is unlikely that this product remains at retail establishments due to the shelf life of lettuce and the number of days that have passed. Tanimura & Antle is asking that if any of the packaged single-head romaine described above is in the possession of consumers, retailers or distributors, the product be disposed of and not consumed.

No other products or pack dates are being recalled. There have been no reported illnesses associated with the recalled product.

The recall is being conducted in consultation with FDA, and is based on the test result of a random sample collected and analyzed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development as part of their routine sampling program.

E. coli O157:H7 causes a diarrheal illness often with bloody stools. Although most healthy adults can recover completely within a week, some people can develop a form of kidney failure called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). HUS is most likely to occur in young children and the elderly. The condition can lead to serious kidney damage and even death. If consumers are experiencing any of the above symptoms, please contact your physician.

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2. PRODUCTS AFFECTED:

BRAND	PRODUCT	UPC	Date of Pack	PTI Codes (sticker on exterior case)
Tanimura & Antle	Single-head romaine lettuce	0-27918-20314-9	10/15/2020 or 10/16/2020	571280289SRS1 and 571280290SRS1

***Immediately discontinue use/sale of products and place on medical hold. Contact your supplier for disposition instructions.*

3. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES: None available.

4. CONTACT INFORMATION: Consumers with questions or concerns may call the Tanimura & Antle Consumer Hotline at 877-827-7388 Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

5. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FINDINGS:

a. Army Veterinary Services and Air Force Public Health Personnel: Report 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.

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c. 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 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.

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

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

8. Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is the undersigned.

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