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ALFOODACT 2021-033

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Buurma Farms Inc. Recalls Plain (Flat) Parsley Due to Possible Health Risks

1. **REFERENCE.** 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.

2. **COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT.** Buurma Farms Inc. of Willard, OH, is voluntarily recalling 320 boxes of its Plain Parsley after testing showed possible contamination with Shiga-toxin producing E.coli.

The product being recalled is Buurma Plain (flat leaf) Parsley with a harvest date of August 30, 2021 from their Gregory, Michigan location. A random, routine regulatory sample collected on 9/7/21 at a customer's distribution center by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) tested positive for non-O157 STEC (Shiga-toxin producing E. Coli) and reported 9/13/21. The sample is currently being genome sequenced to determine if it is pathogenic but out of an abundance of caution the product is being recalled. Buurma Farms Inc. is coordinating closely with regulatory officials in connection with the recall. No illnesses have been reported to date.

Shiga-toxin-producing E. coli is an organism that can cause foodborne illness in a person who eats a food item contaminated with it. Symptoms of infection may include stomach cramps, diarrhea, and vomiting. The illness primarily impacts elderly individuals, children, and people with weakened immune systems. Most healthy adults and children rarely become seriously ill.

No other plain leaf parsley is included in this recall. Production of the product involved has been suspended until FDA and other regulatory agencies have completed their investigation. The product involved should already be out of distribution but if consumers have any product they question, do not consume it, but rather discard it.

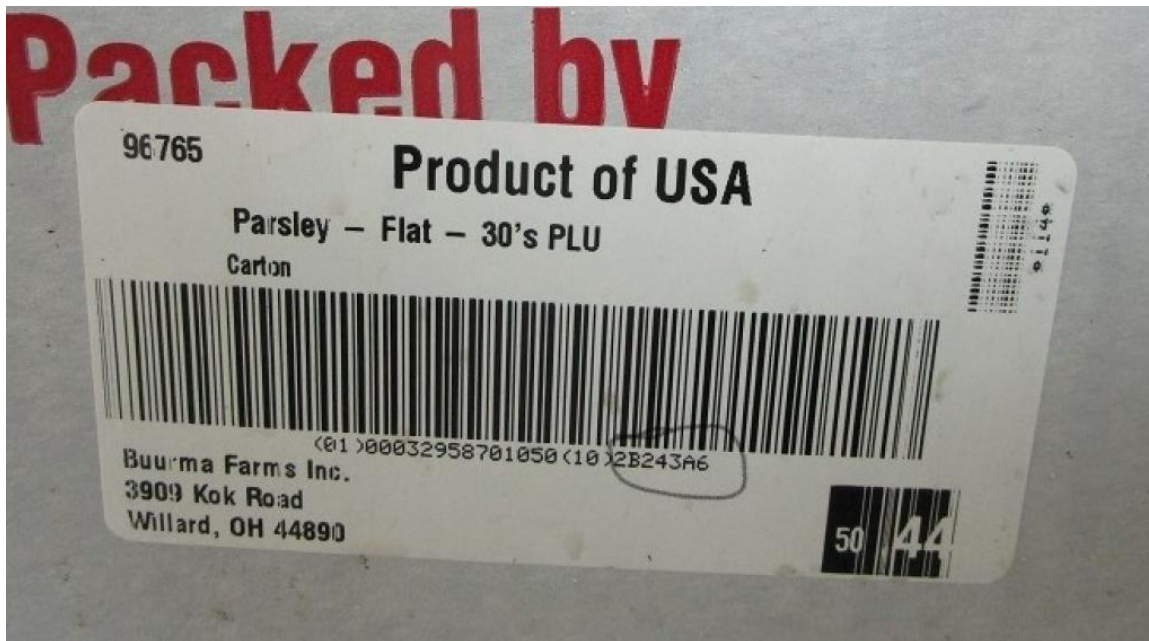
3. **PRODUCTS AFFECTED:** Retailers and wholesalers can find the product code on the orange lot code sticker on each case and at the end of the GTIN number below the bar code on the PTI label. Only plain flat leaf parsley with a lot code of "2A242A6" and a PTI lot code of "2B243A6" is included in this recall. Company reports that retailers and wholesalers known to have received this product have already been contacted and asked to pull any potentially contaminated product from distribution.

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PRODUCT	HARVEST DATES
Buurma Plain (flat leaf) Parsley, 30-count cartons sold to retailers in Ohio and Michigan between 8/31/21 and 9/3/21	August 30, 2021
Buurma Plain (flat leaf) Parsley, 60-count crates sold to wholesalers in Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, and South Carolina between 9/2/21 and 9/4/21.	
Individual bunches (flat parsley) sold to retailers , for purchase by consumers, would likely have a “BUURMA FARMS Plain Parsley” twist-tie with a price look-up (PLU) number of 4901 and a UPC code of 33383 80125. <i>*NOTE: The PLU and UPC numbers are not unique to Buurma Farms and would be on all flat/plain parsley regardless of where it is from. The wholesale distribution channels involved in the recall do not have the twist-tie and instead have only a plain red rubber band on the bunch.</i>	

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

4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES:





5. **CONTACT INFORMATION.** Retailers and consumers with questions may call the consumer hotline at 1-866-827-3362 which is available Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm EST. Media contact is Joel Burma, Food Safety Director, Burma Farms Inc. 419-935-6411, joel@buurmafarms.com.

6. **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:**

1) **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).

2) **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.mil within 72-hours.

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

- 1) ALFOODACT 2021-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. If you know of others who need to receive Subsistence Recall messages, click [here](#) to [Subscribe](#). If you no longer need to receive Subsistence Recall messages, click [here](#) to [Unsubscribe](#).

8. Previous recalls are available on the DLA-TS Food Safety Office website, click [here](#).

9. Point of contact for ALFOODACT messages is the undersigned at commercial telephone 215-737-2678/DSN: 312-444-2678, or dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

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