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ALFOODACT 2021-041

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Keeler Family Farms Recalls Red, White, and Yellow Onions Due to Possible Health Risk

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.** Keeler Family Farms of Deming, NM is voluntarily recalling red, yellow, and white onions shipped from July 1, 2021 through August 25, 2021 that were imported from Chihuahua, MX. The onions are recalled because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

Salmonella, is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

While investigations into various potential sources of *Salmonella* remain ongoing, to date no onions marketed through Keeler Family Farms have tested positive for *Salmonella*. This voluntary recall is being conducted out of an abundance of caution, in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), based on reported illnesses which have been associated with the possible consumption of fresh onions that originated in Chihuahua, MX, and shipped to the U.S. during July and August 2021. As of now, no specific source of contamination or contaminated shipment has been identified, and FDA is also investigating other potential sources of contamination and has not yet reached a conclusion.

Onions were distributed to wholesalers, restaurants, and retail stores in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Consumers, restaurants, and retailers should not eat, sell, or serve red, white, yellow, or onions from Keeler Family Farms or products containing such onions. If you cannot tell if your onion is from Keeler Family Farm's, or your food product contains such onions, you should not eat, sell, or serve it, and should throw it out.

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652 total illnesses have been reported to date including 202 hospitalizations. States with cases include: AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WI, and WV.

3. PRODUCTS AFFECTED: The onions were distributed in 25lb/50lb mesh sacks. They contain a label that is marked as MVP (product of MX) but were processed at Keeler Family Farms. The last to ship was on August 25, 2021.

Consumers who have any Red, Yellow, and White Onions under the description above, or who cannot tell if their onions are from Keeler Family Farm’s, should immediately discard these products and disinfect any surfaces that came into contact with the onions.

LABEL MARKING	PRODUCT	SIZE	UPC	CODES	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
MVP (product of MX)	- Red onions - Yellow onions - White onions	Mesh sacks: 25lb & 50lb	N/A	All onions imported from Chihuahua, MX between July 1, 2021 through August 25, 2021.	Onions imported from Chihuahua, Mexico but processed at Keeler Family Farms

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

4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES: None provided by the company.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION. Vendors with questions may contact Keeler Family Farms at 575-652-5405, Monday thru Friday 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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

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(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.

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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