

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY TROOP SUPPORT 700 ROBBINS AVENUE PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19111-5092

DSCP-FTW ALFOODACT 2021-050 November 17, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Potandon Produce Updates Voluntary Recall of Select White and Yellow Whole Onions Because of 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.** Potandon Produce L.L.C. of Idaho Falls, Idaho is updating its October 26 voluntary recall of onions supplied from Keeler Family Farms and sold as Green Giant Fresh to include 3lb. and 5lb. bags of whole yellow onions and 2 lb. bags of whole white onions shipped between July 15 and August 22, 2021 to a UNFI retail distribution center in Champaign, Illinois. This recall does not affect any other Green Giant Fresh products or include any Green Giant canned or frozen vegetable products.

The recalled onions are being recalled because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which 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.

We have notified UNFI about this updated recall of onions sourced from Keeler Family Farms. A list of the additional recalled onions sourced from Keeler Family Farms is provided in Table 1 below. For easy reference, Table 2 includes the October 26 recalled items also sourced from Keeler Family Farms.

Potandon Produce is issuing this press release and keeping the U.S. Food and Drug Administration informed of its recall process to assure that consumers are properly alerted.

The recall was initiated after an onion-packer informed the company it had supplied Potandon Produce with onions recalled by Keeler Family Farms.

Anyone who has the recalled whole onions in their possession or has used them as an ingredient in a dish should not consume them and should either dispose of the product properly or return it to the place of purchase for a refund.

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3. **PRODUCTS AFFECTED:** Refer to Table 1 and verify all UPC codes (circled UPC indicates confirmation that code was found in Military retail stores). Products listed in Table 2 references a previous recall from the company that DoD procurement agencies previously reported not carrying. However, all UPCs should be verified as part of this recall message.

TABLE 1: November 15, 2021 UPDATED Potandon Produce Voluntary Recall-Product Sourced

 from Keeler Family Farms:

Label or Brand	Packaging	Description	Retail DC delivery location	Dated Delivered to Retail DC (not on bag)	UPC on bag	Lot #
Green Giant Fresh	3 lb. Bag	Whole Yellow Onions	Champaign, IL	7/15/2021	60580600123-9	149007
			Champaign, IL	7/18/2021		149007
			Champaign, IL	8/22/2021		119008
Green Giant Fresh	5 lb. Bag	Whole Yellow Onions	Champaign, IL	8/10/2021	60580600170-3	049008
Green Giant Fresh	2 lb. Bag	Whole White Onions	Champaign, IL	8/16/2021	60580600218-2	139008

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

TABLE 2: For easy reference, b	below is a copy of the Potandon Produce onions sourced from Keeler
Family Farms and voluntarily re	ecalled on October 26, 2021.

Label or Brand	Packaging	Description	Retail DC delivery location	Dated Delivered to Retail DC (not on bag)	UPC on bag	Lot # on bag tag	Julian Date on bag tag
Green 2 lb. Bag Giant Fresh	2 lb. Bag	Whole Yellow Onions	Hopkins, MN	7/21/2021	60580600120-8	42543-2	RA201
			Hopkins, MN	7/28/2021		42600-3	RA208
			Fargo, ND	7/29/2021		42600-3	RA209
			Bismarck, ND	7/30/2021		42600-3	RA209
			Hopkins, MN	7/29/2021		42600-3	RA209
			Hopkins, MN	7/21/2021		42542-2	RA201
			Hopkins, MN	7/16/2021		42542-5	RA197
			Hopkins, MN	7/22/2021		42542-5	RA202

Label or Brand	Packaging	Description	Retail DC delivery location	Dated Delivered to Retail DC (not on bag)	UPC on bag	Lot # on bag tag	Julian Date on bag tag
Giant Yellov	Whole	3 lb. Bag	Hopkins, MN	7/21/2021	60580600123-9	42543-2	RA201
	Onions		Bismarck, ND	7/23/2021		42543-2	RA203
			Fargo, ND	7/23/2021		42543-2	RA203
			Hopkins, MN	7/26/2021		42543-2	RA204
			Hopkins, MN	7/22/2021		42542-5	RA202
Green 5 Giant Fresh	5 lb. Bag	Whole Yellow Onions	Hopkins, MN	7/20/2021	60580600170-3	42543-2	RA200
			Hopkins, MN	7/21/2021		42543-2	RA201
			Hopkins, MN	7/20/2021		42543-2	RA202
			Bismarck, ND	7/23/2021		42543-2	RA203
			Fargo, ND	7/23/2021		42543-2	RA203
			Hopkins, MN	7/26/2021		42543-2	RA204
			Bismarck, ND	7/23/2021		42542-2	RA203
			Hopkins, MN	7/23/2021		42542-2	RA203
Green Giant Fresh	2 lb. bags	Whole White Onions	Hopkins, MN	7/16/2021	60580600218-2	42542-3	RA197
			Hopkins, MN	7/15/2021		42542-3	RA196
			Bismarck, ND	7/21/2021		42542-3	RA200
			Hopkins, MN	7/21/2021		42542-3	RA201
			Hopkins, MN	7/22/2021		42542-3	RA202

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4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES:



5. **CONTACT INFORMATION.** Consumers with questions may contact the company's recall coordinator at 1-800-637-8084, M-F from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Mountain Time, or visit its website at <u>www.potandon.com</u>.

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 <u>dsepconssafofc@dla.mil</u> 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 <u>here to Subscribe</u>. If you no longer need to receive Subsistence Recall messages, click <u>here to Unsubscribe</u>.

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 <u>dscpconssafofc@dla.mil</u>.

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