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ALFOODACT 2024-009

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Fresh Express Issues Recall of Limited Quantities of Two Salad Kits with Condiment Packs Containing Recalled Cheese Due to the Potential Risk of *Listeria monocytogenes*

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:** As a consequence of a recall initiated by a cheese supplier, Rizo-Lopez Foods, Inc., Fresh Express is voluntarily recalling two salad kits with condiment packs that contain the recalled cheese, which may pose a potential health risk from *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Listeria monocytogenes 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.

No other Fresh Express salads or salad kits or condiment packs containing cheese are included in this recall. The safety of Fresh Express lettuces and leafy greens are not a factor in this recall and no illnesses have been reported to date in connection with these products. Fresh Express is taking this action upon learning that two salad kits contained condiment packs with cheese toppings that are affected by a recall issued by Rizo-Lopez Foods, Inc.

Fresh Express has notified retailers to remove the recalled kits from store shelves and all inventories. Consumers who may have the recalled salad kits should discard them immediately and not eat them. Consumers who may have kept the condiment packs from the recalled salad kits for possible later use should also discard them immediately and not consume the contents. Refunds are also available at point of sale.

3. **PRODUCTS AFFECTED:** The salad kits being recalled were available for purchase at retail grocery stores in AL, CA, FL, GA, ID, UT and WA in limited quantities. The kits being

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recalled are Fresh Express Salsa! Ensalada Salad Kit and Marketside Southwest Chopped Salad Kit with Use-By Dates ranging from January 6 through February 20, 2024, and include condiment packs with Use-By Dates ranging from February 28 through April 4, 2024. Specific identifying details for the recalled products are listed in the chart below and can be found on the salad bag packaging label or on the condiment pack.

Name of Product	Ounces	UPC	Package Code	Package Use-By Dates	Condiment Pack Use-by Dates	US Distribution States
Marketside Southwest Chopped Salad Kit	10.3	681131305129	G364 G002	1/14/2024 1/17/2024	3/3/2024	AL, FL, GA
Fresh Express Salsa! Ensalada Salad Kit	12.1	071279309026	S353 to S363 S002 to S033	1/6/2024 to 1/18/2024 1/21/2024 to 2/20/2024	2/28/2024 to 4/4/2024	CA, ID, UT, WA

4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES:





5. **CONTACT INFORMATION:** For questions or to obtain refunds, consumers may call the Fresh Express Consumer Response Center at (800) 242-5472 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Time.

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

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supporting (NAVSUP FLC) for any issues regarding PV Pickup. Proceed with the same guidance in the paragraph 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 202X-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 [Subscribe](#) (Add the following to an email if the link does not work; Subject: Subscribe to Subsistence Recall Notifications, Email address: usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-vsims@health.mil). If you no longer need to receive Subsistence Recall messages, click [Unsubscribe](#) (Add the following to an email if the link does not work; Subject: Unsubscribe from Subsistence Recall Notifications, Email address: usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-vsims@health.mil).

8. Previous recalls are available on the DLA-TS Food Safety Office website: <https://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodSafety/fso/ALFOODACT/>.

9. Point of contact for ALFOODACT messages is the undersigned at commercial telephone 215-737-0329/DSN: 312-444-0329, or dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

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