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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Fresh Start Produce Sales Initiates Recall of Whole Cucumbers 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:** Fresh Start Produce Sales Inc. of Delray, Florida, is recalling whole cucumbers shipped to certain states from May 17th through May 21st, 2024, due to the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella, 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.

The recall was initiated after the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture informed the company that a product sample tested positive for the bacteria. The FDA is conducting whole genome sequencing to determine if this sample is related to an ongoing Salmonella outbreak investigation.

CONSUMER ACTIONS: Although these cucumbers are unlikely in the marketplace, anyone with the recalled product should not consume it and should destroy and discard it or return it to the place of purchase for a refund. Consumers should check with their retailer or place of purchase to determine whether the recalled cucumbers were sold where they shop.

Fresh Start Produce Sales has notified customers who received the recalled product directly from the company and requested that they remove it from commerce. We have also asked our direct customers to notify their customers of this recall. Fresh Start Produce Sales is issuing this press release and keeping the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) informed of its recall process to ensure that consumers are properly alerted.

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3. **PRODUCTS AFFECTED:** The recalled cucumbers were shipped in bulk cartons from May 17th through May 21st, 2024, directly to retail distribution centers, wholesalers, and food service distributors in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. The recalled cucumbers are dark green, approximately 1.5 - 2.0 inches in diameter, and 5-9 inches long. Mini cucumbers and English cucumbers are not included in this recall.

4. **PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES:**



5. **CONTACT INFORMATION:** Consumers with additional questions may contact the company at 1-888-364-2993, M-F, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. EDT.

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

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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 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/>.

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

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