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1. REFERENCES:

- a. DLAR 4155.26/AR 40-660/NAVSUPINST 10110.8c/AFI 48-116/MCO 10110.38c, DOD Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System.
- b. Allied Communications Publication 121, US SUPP-1 (f).
- c. <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2008/NEW01808.html>
- d. http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/tropifresh03_08.html
- e. http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/tmkovacevich03_08.html
- f. AskKaren: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/food%5Fsafety%5Feducation/ask%5Fkaren/#Question>
- g. FACT SHEET: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~mow/chap1.html>
- h. Safe Produce Handling Tips: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/prodsafe.html>

2. BACKGROUND:

Several more distributors/processors have cantaloupes which were purchased from Agropecuaria Montelibano, a Honduran grower and packer. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) has determined, based on current information, that cantaloupe fruit from this company has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. The following distributors/processors have recalled whole cantaloupe and/or cut cantaloupe: T.M. Kovacevich International, Inc., Tropifresh, Inc., Simply Fresh Fruit, and Pacific Coast Fruit Co.

ALFOODACT 011-2008: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued an import alert regarding entry of cantaloupe from Agropecuaria Montelibano, a Honduran grower and packer, because, based on current information, fruit from this company appears to be associated with a *Salmonella litchfield* outbreak in the United States and Canada. The import alert advises FDA field offices that all cantaloupes shipped to the United States by this company are to be detained.

Charlie's Produce of Spokane, WA is recalling **Charlie's Produce Brand Cut Cantaloupe Products**, because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. Cantaloupe used in these products may have been supplied from Agropecuaria Montelibano.

Spokane Produce, of Spokane, WA purchased product from Agropecuaria Montelibano. Spokane Produce is recalling the Spokane Produce, Chiquita and Mike's Melons label.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

Recommend all establishments determine the original source of cantaloupe/cut cantaloupe from their

distributors/suppliers. All produce processors/retailers should remove from their stock cantaloupes imported from Agropecuaria Montelibano. These cantaloupes are also traded under the label Mike's Melons. This recall includes whole cantaloupe and cut cantaloupe (whether mixed with other fruit or not) that originated from Agropecuaria Montelibano.

Distributors/Processors known to have purchased and/or further processed cantaloupe from Agropecuaria Montelibano are as follows.

Tropifresh, Inc.

Whole cantaloupe fruits subject to this recall carry a "Mike's Melons" sticker or may be unlabeled because this sticker has fallen off.

T.M. Kovacevich International, Inc.

Whole cantaloupe fruits subject to this recall carry a "Mike's Melons" sticker or may be unlabeled because this sticker has fallen off. Whole cantaloupe fruits subject to this recall were sold in boxes marked with the following text: "Cantaloupe, Mike's Melons, Produce of Honduras, Grown, Packed and Shipped by Agropecuaria Montelibano, San Lorenzo, Valle, Honduras".

Simply Fresh Fruit

Products are branded with the Simply Fresh Fruit name and logo. Cantaloupe chunks will have a use by date of 8 April 2008 or before on the container. Fruit Mix will have a use by date of 18 April 2008 or before on the container.

Pacific Coast Fruit Co.

Only whole cantaloupes distributed by this processor/distributor with the Mike's Melons logo are recalled.

4. Manufacturer/Establishment Number:

Agrolibano (Agropecuaria Montelibano)
Bo. Victoria, Calle Principal
San Lorenzo, Valle
Honduras

Tropifresh, Inc.
Los Angeles, CA

T.M. Kovacevich International, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA

Simply Fresh Fruit
Vernon, CA

Pacific Coast Fruit Co.
Portland, OR

5. DISTRIBUTION: Nationwide

6. REASON FOR ACTION: *Salmonella Litchfield*

7. INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:

- a. Immediately inventory stocks to identify the above items and secure in a "Medical Hold" status to provide assurance of no further issue/sale/use of the item. POSITIVE FINDINGS should be reported to

Accountable Officers/Vendor Representatives of that facility. Accountable Officer/Agency Representatives should seek refund/credit/replacement through the normal distribution channel with which the product was received (i.e. Distribution Centers, Prime Vendors, Manufacturers).

b. Ships at sea are authorized to destroy or dispose of recalled products at their discretion. Documentation for the number of pounds and cases, and any additional pertinent information must be signed by the Accountable Officer and is required for the purpose of recouping to the government the cost of the product involved. In order to get credit please use a SF 364 and forward to your supporting FISC and copy furnished to NAVSUP 51. Your supporting FISC should forward to the account manager at DSCP. The form should include the number of the recall authorizing the survey action. Home ported ships/gallies will utilize DD form 1149 to transfer w/ reimbursement to the PV. The PV will submit credit invoice to the account manager at DSCP.

c. Unless otherwise specified above, POSITIVE and NEGATIVE RESPONSES directly to DSCP Consumer Safety Officer (CSO) are NOT required.

d. When corresponding with DSCP concerning this message please include this message's subject in your subject line.

8. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is CW4 Ramona Hemphill, Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2922, Commercial (215) 737-2922, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526.

Any individual or office that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to dscpconssafofc@exmail.dscp.dla.mil.

Previous recalls and frequently asked questions are available at the following web site:
<https://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/fso/alfood/alfood.asp>

The navigation tool to the left allows you to view DSCP Alerts and Archived Vendor Recalls also.

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