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DATE: September 8, 2015

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: 
Laurie Kidwell, RRT/Supervisor
Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Andrew and Williamson Fresh Produce (“A&W”) - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: Cucumbers sold under the Limited Edition® label

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; The recall has been initiated because the cucumbers may be contaminated with Salmonella.

These cucumbers are shipped in a black, green, yellow, and craft colored carton which reads “Limited Edition Pole Grown Cucumbers.” This variety is often referred to as a “Slicer” or “American” cucumber. It has a dark green color. It typically has a length of 7 to 10 inches and a diameter of 1.75 to 2.5 inches. In retail it is typically sold in a bulk display without any individual packaging or plastic wrapping. In food service it is typically served as part of a salad. These products were sold between August 1, 2015 and September 3, 2015.

Limited Edition® cucumbers were produced in Baja California and distributed in the states of Illinois and Kentucky and reached customers through retail, food service companies, wholesalers, and brokers.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 285 cases of *Salmonella* Poona have been reported to date in 27 states.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers who have purchased Limited Edition® brand cucumbers are urged not to consume them and to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund or to dispose of them. Consumers with questions may contact Andrew & Williamson Fresh Produce by visiting the company website at www.andrew-williamson.com or by calling the company at (844) 483-3864. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

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Andrew and Williamson Fresh Produce Recalls Limited Edition Brand® Cucumbers Because of Possible Health Risk

Contact:

Consumer:
619-661-6004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — September 4, 2015— Andrew and Williamson Fresh Produce (“A&W”) of San Diego, California is voluntarily recalling all cucumbers sold under the Limited Edition® label during the period from August 1, 2015 through September 3, 2015 because it may be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

A&W is currently working with health authorities to determine if, in fact, this product is the source of an outbreak of *Salmonella* with illnesses being reporting in as many as 27 states. In the meantime, out of an abundance of caution, the company is taking all actions necessary to prevent further consumption of potentially affected products. These actions include this voluntary recall and all harvesting and packing of cucumbers with the potential to be linked to this outbreak have been stopped until further information is known. A&W has also contacted all customers who may have received this product so that product in marketing channels can be removed.

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Salmonella is 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.

Limited Edition® cucumbers were produced in Baja California and distributed in the states of Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah and reached customers through retail, food service companies, wholesalers, and brokers.

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