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DATE: January 26, 2016
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: *Laurie Kidwell*
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SUBJECT: Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc. – Market Withdrawal [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: Dole-branded and private label packaged salads processed at that location

SUMMARY: Market Withdrawal; The market withdrawal has been initiated due to the potential for Listeria monocytogenes contamination.

These packaged salads were sold under various brand names, including Dole, Fresh Selections, Simple Truth, Marketside, The Little Salad Bar, and President's Choice Organics. The packaged salads can be identified by the letter "A" at the beginning of the manufacturing code found on the package.

These products were sold in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, and Ohio.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Retailer and consumer questions about the voluntary withdrawal should be directed to the Dole Food Company Consumer Response Center at 800-356-3111 (hours are 8:00am-8:00pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday). Media inquiries should be directed to Bil Goldfield at 818-874-4647. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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Dole Food Company Consumer Response Center
800-356-3111

Media

Bil Goldfield
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Dole Fresh Vegetables, Inc., is temporarily suspending operations at its Springfield, Ohio production facility, and is voluntarily withdrawing from the market all Dole-branded and private label packaged salads processed at that location (see the product list at <http://www.cdc.gov/listeria/outbreaks/>) Products subject to the voluntary withdrawal are identified with a product code beginning with the letter "A" in the upper right-hand corner of the package (see example below), and are sold in the following states and Canadian provinces noted below. This suspension and withdrawal is being performed voluntarily by Dole out of an abundance of caution, in collaboration with the Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control. See more about this withdrawal at www.cdc.gov/listeria/outbreaks/

No additional Dole facilities are affected. Other Dole products, including fresh fruit, fresh vegetables and packaged salads from Dole's other processing facilities (with product codes beginning with the letters "B" or "N"), are not part of this voluntary withdrawal.

Retailers and consumers who have any remaining product with an "A" code should not consume it, and are urged to discard it. Retailer and consumer questions about the voluntary withdrawal should be directed to the Dole Food Company Consumer Response Center at 800-356-3111) (hours are 8:00am-8:00pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday). Media inquiries should be directed to Bil Goldfield at 818-874-4647.

Retailers which carry Dole products produced in its Springfield, OH plant (with the product code beginning with the letter "A" in the upper right-hand corner of the package) should check their store shelves and warehouse inventories to confirm that no withdrawn product is available for purchase by consumers. Dole Fresh Vegetables' customer service representatives have been contacting retailers, and are in the process of confirming that the withdrawn product has been removed from the supply chain.

Dole Fresh Vegetables is coordinating closely with regulatory officials.

List of states included in the voluntary withdrawal:

- Alabama
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Michigan
- Massachusetts
- Maryland
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- New Jersey
- New York
- Ohio

- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Virginia
- Wisconsin

List of provinces included in the voluntary withdrawal:

- Ontario
- New Brunswick
- Quebec

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Product Photos

Example of
product code from
Springfield, OH
plant



