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11/22/2019

To Baldor Community,

Re: CDC & FDA Advisory on Romaine Lettuce from Salinas, CA

At this time the CDC and FDA has named Ready Pac Salad bowls containing romaine as a possible cause of E. coli 0157 related illnesses.

This is a current and ongoing investigation by the CDC and FDA. FDA is tracing back the supply of the romaine lettuce in the salad and has identified possible farms in Salinas, California. Preliminary information indicates that romaine lettuce used in the product that tested positive was harvested in mid-October and is no longer within current expiration dates. With an abundance of caution, we have removed all Salinas grown romaine from inventory in all of our locations.

Baldor Specialty Foods maintains a rigorous food safety program and will continue to monitor this situation and keep you posted as needed.

Sincerely,
Ben Walker
VP Sales & Marketing



Nov 21, 2019

To whom it may concern,

SUBJECT: Romaine E. Coli Outbreak Statement

At this time the CDC and FDA has named Ready Pac Salad bowls containing romaine as a possible cause of E. coli 0157 related illnesses. This is a current and ongoing investigation by the CDC and FDA. We will update you as more information becomes available.

Tanimura & Antle does not process or chop romaine or other lettuces nor grows lettuce for processors, including Ready Pac. Tanimura & Antle has not been contacted by any agency related to these illnesses. Tanimura & Antle maintains a rigorous food safety program by controlling its growing, harvesting and cooling operations. If you have further questions, please contact:

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11/22/19

Justin Leone
Baldor Specialty Foods
155 Food Center Drive
Bronx, NY 10474

Subject: Baloian Farms Romaine production areas

Good Morning Justin,

Please be advised that 100% of the Romaine Baloian Farms is shipping to your company, Baldor Specialty Foods, is grown and packed in Fresno, CA and Mexicali, MX. None of the Romaine shipped to you from Baloian Farms is coming from Salinas, CA.

Thank you

Tim Baloian



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November 22, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are currently investigating a multistate outbreak of *E. coli* O157:H7 infections. The investigation is ongoing to determine the source of the outbreak. All of Cal-Organic Farms romaine lettuce is currently being harvested from the San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys. Grimmway Farms and Cal-Organic Farms products have not in any way been associated with the current investigation and we do not supply lettuce to the companies involved in the investigation.

We will continue to actively monitor this issue and provide updates as warranted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Diesl".

Ben Diesl
Vice President of Quality Assurance
Grimmway Enterprises, Inc.



November 21, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

On November 20, 2019 at approximately 10:00 AM (PST) the FDA, CDC and several state health departments announced an investigation into an outbreak of E coli O157H7 that is currently underway and involving 17 reported illnesses, spanning 8 states with 7 hospitalizations and 0 deaths.

Ill people in Maryland reported eating Ready Pac Foods Bistro® Chicken Caesar Salad. In initial interviews, ill people in other states have not reported eating this particular salad.

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Please let this letter serve as official notice that; Ippolito International LP does not grow or supply Romaine Lettuce to Ready Pac, Ippolito International LP does not share any Romaine Lettuce growers or ranches in common with Ready Pac, and Ippolito International LP has not been contacted by any Federal, State or Local agency in regards to this ongoing investigation.

*Respectfully,
Herman Cossio
Director of Food Safety
Ippolito International LP.*



To our valued Customers,

November 21, 2019

In regards to the currently reported E. coli outbreak, Field Fresh Farms and our Romaine products are not involved in any manner. All of Field Fresh Farms romaine lettuce has been grown and harvested in the Yuma Growing region in accordance with the LGMA and USDA standards.

As always, we recommend you follow the advice of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding all forms of romaine lettuce. As a grower, packer and shipper of premium produce; Field Fresh Farms takes food safety very seriously, and adheres to the most rigorous food safety practices to provide consumers with the safest produce possible.

Sincerely,

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