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**DATE:** October 18, 2012

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

**FROM:** *DJG*  
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Director, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** Dole Fresh Vegetables Recall

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; Limited number of cases of Dole American Blend salad in 12 oz. bags, coded A275208A or B, with Use-by date of October 17 and UPC 7143000933, due to a possible health risk from *Listeria monocytogenes*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. The salads were distributed in 10 U.S. states (Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wisconsin). Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-351-7190.

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**Recall -- Firm Press Release**

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**Dole Fresh Vegetables Announces Precautionary Recall of Limited Number of Salads**

**Contact**

Consumer:  
(800) 356-3111

Media:  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - October 17, 2012 - Monterey, California– October 17, 2012 – Dole Fresh Vegetables is voluntarily recalling a limited number of cases of Dole American Blend salad in 12 oz. bags, coded A275208A or B, with Use-by date of October 17 and UPC 7143000933, due to a possible health risk from *Listeria monocytogenes*. Dole Fresh Vegetables is coordinating closely with regulatory officials. No illnesses have been reported in association with the recall.

The product code and Use-by date are in the upper right-hand corner of the package; the UPC code is on the back of the package, below the barcode. The salads were distributed in 10 U.S. states (Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wisconsin).

No illnesses have been reported in association with the recall. This precautionary recall notification is being issued due to an isolated instance in which a sample of Dole American Blend salad yielded a positive result for *Listeria monocytogenes* in a random sample test conducted by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

No other salads are included in the recall. Only the specific Product Codes, UPC codes and October 17, 2012 Use-by date identified above are included in the recall. Consumers who have any remaining product with these Product Codes should not consume it, but rather discard it. Retailers and consumers with questions may call the Dole Food Company Consumer Response Center at (800) 356-3111, which is open 8:00 am to 3:00 pm (PT) Monday - Friday.

Dole Fresh Vegetables customer service representatives are already contacting retailers and are in the process of confirming that the recalled product is being removed from the stream of commerce.

*Listeria monocytogenes* is an organism that can cause foodborne illness in a person who eats a food item contaminated with it. Symptoms of infection may include fever, muscle aches, gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea or diarrhea. The illness primarily impacts pregnant women and adults with weakened immune systems. Most healthy adults and children rarely become seriously ill.

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