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DATE:

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TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gillam, MBA, CP-FS

Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Thorntons, Inc. Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Unclassified Recall; 6 oz Garden Salads and 5.6 oz Chef Salads because they have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled salads were manufactured and distributed by Greencore U.S.A. to select stores in Chicago, III, Cincinnati, OH, Columbus, OH, Indianapolis, IN, Evansville, IN, Lexington, KY and Nashville, TN. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Thorntons Recalls Garden Salad and Chef Salad Because of Possible Health Risk

Contact:

Consumer:

1-866-473-0017 M-F 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Media: John Zikias 502-339-8385 ext 164

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - October 1, 2011 - Louisville, KY - Thorntons, Inc. is recalling its 6 oz Garden Salads and 5.6 oz Chef Salads because they have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella, 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.

The recalled salads were manufactured and distributed by Greencore U.S.A. to select stores in Chicago, Ill, Cincinnati, OH, Columbus, OH, Indianapolis, IN, Evansville, IN, Lexington, KY and Nashville, TN.

The product comes in a black bowl with clear lid and is marked with expiration dates 9/30/2011, 10/2/2011, and 10/3/2011 on the label on the front of the package.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The potential for contamination was noted when a lot of grape tomatoes revealed the presence of Salmonella. Salads produced for Thorntons contain grapes from the same lot.

(Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections, particularly in young children, the elderly, and persons with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and/or abdominal pain. For more information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at www.cdc.gov¹.)

Consumers who have purchased a garden salad or chef salad with an expiration date that matches those listed above are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-866-473-0017 M-F 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

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Photo: Product Labels⁴