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DATE: May 12, 2011
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: 
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Goodness Gardens, Inc. Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Chives Lot # 0201111, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*; Information is provided in case of consumer inquiry.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the neighboring State of Illinois. The Chives were distributed in NY, NJ, CT, MA, PA, MD, AL, IL, and VA through retail stores primarily and one wholesaler in PA.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

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Goodness Gardens, Inc. Recalls Chives Lot # 0201111 Because of Possible Health Risk

Contact:
Consumer:
845-355-4757

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - May 10, 2011 - Goodness Gardens, Inc. of New Hampton, NY is voluntarily recalling **Chives Lot # 0201111**, because it has the potential to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The Chives were distributed in NY, NJ, CT, MA, PA, MD, AL, IL, and VA through retail stores primarily and one wholesaler in PA.

The Chives were distributed in various plastic clamshell containers: 0.25 oz. (UPC 0 21985 20005 6), 2/3 oz. (UPC 0 21985 10004 2), in 1 lb. bags, and ½ oz. twist tie bunches.

No other Goodness Gardens Inc. products or lots are included in this recall.

The recall was the result of a routine sampling program by the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection which revealed that the product lot contained the bacteria.

It is unlikely that any product still remains in stores but if so retailers should remove **Chives Lot # 0201111 with date 5/6/11** from store shelves and inventories. Goodness Gardens, Inc. Customer Service representatives are already contacting retailers to ensure the precautionary recall is executed swiftly.

The company is not aware of any illnesses reported in connection with the recall and is coordinating closely with regulatory officials.

Consumers are urged not to consume the above lot. Consumers who purchased this item are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions can contact Goodness Gardens, Inc. at 845-355-4757, Mon – Fri 9am - 4pm EDT with any questions.

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