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**DATE:** October 3, 2011

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

**FROM:** A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
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**SUBJECT:** Greencore USA, Inc. Recall

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Class I Recall; Approximately 57 pounds of salad products containing meat and poultry, because the grape tomatoes used in these products may be contaminated with *Salmonella*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. The products subject to recall were produced on Sept. 26 and Sept. 28, 2011, and were distributed to retail stores in Ill., Ind., Ky., Ohio and Tenn. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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**Ohio Firm Recalls Chef Salads Containing Meat and Poultry Due to Possible *Salmonella* Contamination Of Tomatoes**

Recall Release  
FSIS-RC-079-2011

**CLASS I RECALL  
HEALTH RISK: HIGH**

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**WASHINGTON, October 1, 2011** - Greencore USA, Inc., a Cincinnati, Ohio, establishment, is recalling approximately 57 pounds of salad products containing meat and poultry, because the grape tomatoes used in these products may be contaminated with *Salmonella*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The products subject to recall include: [[View Labels](#) (PDF Only)]

## Fresh Ground Turkey Chubs

- 5.6 oz. plastic bowl containers of "Thornton's Quick Café's Chef Salad" with an "Enjoy By" date of "09/30/11", "10/02/2011" or "10/03/2011."

Each package bears a label with the establishment number "P38518" inside the USDA mark of inspection and the enjoy-by date as noted above. The products subject to recall were produced on Sept. 26 and Sept. 28, 2011, and were distributed to retail stores in Ill., Ind., Ky., Ohio and Tenn. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on FSIS' website at [www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS\\_Recalls/Open\\_Federal\\_Cases/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/Open_Federal_Cases/index.asp).

The problem was discovered when Greencore USA, Inc. was notified by its grape tomato supplier, Pearson Foods, that a specific lot of grape tomatoes was being recalled due to potential *Salmonella* contamination. The **Food and Drug Administration** (FDA) announced the recall of grape tomatoes on Sept. 28, 2011. FSIS and the company are not aware of any illnesses in association with the recalled salad products.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumption of food contaminated with *Salmonella* can cause salmonellosis, one of the most common bacterial foodborne illnesses. *Salmonella* infections can be life-threatening, especially to those with weak immune systems, such as infants, the elderly, and persons with HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy. The most common manifestations of salmonellosis are diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and fever within 6 to 72 hours. Additional symptoms may be chills, headache, nausea and vomiting that can last up to seven days. The outbreak strain of *Salmonella* Heidelberg is resistant to several commonly prescribed antibiotics; this antibiotic resistance may be associated with an increased risk of hospitalization or possible treatment failure in infected individuals.

Members of the media with questions about the recall should contact the company's CEO, Liam McClennon, at (978) 462-3663 ext. 313. Consumers with questions regarding the recall should contact the company's Technical Manager, Mary Young, at (513) 377-0715.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at [AskKaren.gov](http://AskKaren.gov). The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

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