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**Subject:** Trader Joe's Recalls Certain Products Containing Cotija Cheese Because They May Be Contaminated With Listeria Monocytogenes

**Company Announcement Date:**

February 07, 2024

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**Product Type:**

Food & Beverages  
Foodborne Illness

**Reason for Announcement:**

Potential *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination.

**Company Name:**

Trader Joe's Company

**Brand Name:**

Trader Joe's

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**Product Description:**

Chicken Enchiladas Verde, Cilantro Salad Dressing, Elote Chopped Salad Kit, Southwest Salad

## **Company Announcement**

Trader Joe's of Monrovia, CA is recalling certain products containing cotija cheese, as the cheese used to make these products 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. Healthy individuals may suffer short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriage and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The cotija cheese that was used to produce the

products below was manufactured by Rizo-López Foods, Inc. On 2/5/2024, Rio- López Foods initiated a [recall](#) of dairy items, including cotija cheese, under multiple brand names. As a result, Trader Joe's is recalling all codes of the products listed below that were manufactured with cotija cheese.

The recalled products were sold in Trader Joe's stores nationwide.

Recalled products include all lots of the following products:

- . Trader Joe's Chicken Enchiladas Verde (SKU 58292)
- . Trader Joe's Cilantro Salad Dressing (SKU 36420)
- . Trader Joe's Elote Chopped Salad Kit (SKU 74768)
- . Trader Joe's Southwest Salad (SKU 56077)

No illnesses have been reported related to these products, to date.

If you purchased any of these products, please discard them or return them to any Trader Joe's

for a full refund.

Customers with questions may contact Trader Joe's Customer Relations at (626) 599-3817 [Monday through Friday, 6:00 am to 5:00 pm Pacific Time].

[Outbreak Advisory.](#)

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### **Company Contact Information**

#### **Consumers:**

Trader Joe's Customer Relations

(626) 599-3817

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### **Product Photos**

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Trader Joe's Chicken Enchiladas Verde

Trader Joe's Cilantro Salad Dressing



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Trader Joe's Elote Chopped Salad Kit



Trader Joe's Southwest Salad

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- \* We believe that none of the product being recalled were processed or offered through the national office
  - \* We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.
  - \* ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.
  - \* For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

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#### **About Feeding America Recall Notices**

The Feeding America national office issues notifications of all national Class I and II recalls--those involving a health hazard situation in which there is reasonable probability that eating the food will cause health problems or death--and other recalls that may affect the safety of food supplied to network members.

The national office strongly encourages all member product solicitors, operations managers, and others involved in food and grocery distribution to regularly consult resources provided by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html>, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis\\_Recalls/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/index.asp). Additionally, members can often receive information on national, state, and local recalls by contacting their local health departments.

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