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Company Announcement Date:

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Product Type:

Food & Beverages Fruit/Fruit Product Foodborne Illness

Reason for Announcement:

Potential to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes

Company Name:

The HMC Group Marketing, Inc.

Brand Name:

Multiple brands

Product Description:

Whole Peaches, Plums, and Nectarines

Company Announcement

November 17, 2023 - The HMC Group Marketing, Inc., which does business as HMC Farms, is **voluntarily recalling peaches**, **plums and nectarines sold in retail stores** between May 1 and November 15, 2022 and between **May 1 and November 15, 2023**. The fruit is being recalled because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism that 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 recalled fruit was <u>distributed nationwide and sold at retail stores</u> as individual pieces of fruit or in consumer packaging (see photos in *link* below of both PLUs and consumer packaging) and sold at retail between May 1 and November 15, 2022 and between May 1 and November 15, 2023.

This recall includes only conventionally grown fruit – no organic fruit is being recalled. Peaches, plums, and nectarines currently available for sale at retail stores are not included in this recall.

The recalled peaches have been linked to an outbreak of Listeriosis that has resulted in eleven illnesses.

Consumers: Although the recalled fruit is no longer available in retail stores, consumers may have frozen the recalled fruit at home for later use. *Consumers are urged to check their freezers* for the recalled fruit, not consume it, and discard it. Consumers with further questions can contact the company's consumer information desk at 844-483-3867, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

This recall is being carried out with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/hmc-farms-voluntarily-recallswhole-peaches-plums-and-nectarines-sold-retail-stores-2022-and-2023

* 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.

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

<u>http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html</u>, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at <u>http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/index.asp</u>. Additionally, members can often receive information on national, state, and local recalls by contacting their local health departments.

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