

Fresh Express Announces Precautionary Recall of a Limited Quantity of 11 oz. American Salad due to Possible Allergen Exposure

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Announcement

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Orlando, Florida – Fresh Express Incorporated is voluntarily conducting a precautionary recall of 480 cases of 11 oz. Fresh Express American Salad with a Product Code of G264A12A and Use-By Date of October 5, due to possible exposure to undeclared allergens (egg, milk, wheat, anchovy). Fresh Express representatives are coordinating with retail stores to ensure removal of the recalled product from store shelves where distributed in primarily southern states.

No illnesses are reported. No other Fresh Express products are included in this recall.

The recall is necessitated by the possible mistaken inclusion of a small number of Caesar Salad condiment packets with undeclared allergens in a limited quantity of American Salads. Although the condiments are in a separate clear packet and labeled “Caesar,” the ingredient list for the condiments is not included on the package label and consumers will not be aware that allergens are present.

In order to safeguard the health and wellbeing of consumers, Fresh Express is voluntarily recalling all product that could possibly contain the incorrect condiment packet during this isolated incident. In some individuals the consumption of an undisclosed allergen could be life-threatening.

Fresh Express takes all matters of food safety very seriously, including the issue of allergens. Company procedures and programs stringently follow all mandated regulations and focus on preventive measures designed to minimize potential risks. Fresh Express is coordinating closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and is conducting a full investigation into this isolated event.

Consumers in possession of the recalled product should discard it. A refund is available where purchased or by contacting the Fresh Express Consumer Response Center toll-free at (800) 242-5472 during the hours of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time.

Recalled Product Details

- Fresh Express American Salad - 11 oz. bag
- Product Code of G264A12A and Use-By Date of October 5, located in the upper right hand corner on the front of the bag
- UPC Code of 0 71279 241005 located on the reverse side of the bag by the bar code

Recalled Product Distribution

Fresh Express Precautionary Recall, American Salad - 09/29/16
(No other Fresh Express Salads are included in this recall)

Fresh Express	American Salad	11 oz.	0 71279 241005	G264A127A	05-Oct	AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN
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*** We believe that none of the products 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.

For full details on the recall, please

visit: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm523266.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

If you have questions, please contact Wayne Melichar, Food Safety Manager, at wmelichar@feedingamerica.org or 312.629.7263.