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Gills Onions Recall

At a Glance: Gill's Onions of California has issued a Class I recall on a number of processed onion products because of the potential for Listeria. NO ILLNESSES have been reported, and no product has tested positive for Listeria. This is an expansion of a recall originally announced in May 2012. The list of recalled brands includes Gills Onions, True Leaf, Cross Valley Farms, Western Onions, and Wegmans. All recalled products have a use by date on or before August 3, 2012. Additional labels may be affected. To view the recall notice visit the FDA website at <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm313399.htm>.

The Issue: Listeria monocytogenes is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. NO ILLNESSES have been reported.

Am I Impacted? US Foods' number one priority is to notify any customer impacted by a recall. Our distribution centers affected by this recall have already begun to contact affected customers. If you purchased a recalled product from us, you will be contacted shortly, or have already been contacted. If you purchased products elsewhere, use the information above to check with your supplier.

What You Can Do:

- Avoid eating or serving any recalled products
- Do not use any of these products as ingredients in recipes, even if cooked.
- Follow instructions to discard or return recalled product
- Discard recalled products in a manner that prevents others from eating them
- Persons who think they may have become ill with a food-borne illness should consult their health care providers
- Review your own internal recall procedures- does your staff know what to do if they receive notice that a product is being recalled? Typically only specific lot codes are affected.
- Purchase all of your supplies from a company with a robust recall program that can keep you aware of recall and food safety issues
- Help us serve you better. Provide your distribution center with a valid email address so we may provide you with recall information faster.

US Foods Policy:

This *Fast Facts* is based on the best available information when written. Recalls can be expanded or impact additional product as additional suppliers verify their own supply chains. An updated Fast Facts will be provided as new information becomes available. US Foods will only contact customers IF they purchased recalled products from us.

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