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Taylor Farms & Cyclospora

At a Glance

Taylor Farms de Mexico and the FDA have determined that salad mix from Mexico is responsible for at least part of the recent Cyclospora outbreak across much of the United States. It has also been determined that contaminated product is no longer in the food chain; bagged salads are safe to consume.

The Issue

Taylor Farms is a very large supplier of produce to the foodservice industry, which could explain why the outbreak was wide spread across much of the country. Because this particular outbreak is over and implicated product has long since been consumed, it is unlikely the FDA will attempt to trace where the salad mixes were distributed. US Foods has not been made aware of any food distributor associated with this outbreak.

Are You Impacted?

US Foods' number one priority is to notify any customer impacted by a recall. In this instance, there is no recall. The FDA has assured us that all bagged salads currently available are not from the Taylor Farms Mexican facility and are therefore presumed safe to eat.

What You Should Know:

- Cyclospora is a tiny, relatively rare parasite that is common in more tropical regions but seldom seen in the United States.
- Approximately 400 people have been diagnosed with this parasite since June, with 22 hospitalized.
- Cyclospora causes flu-like symptoms. Many infected persons may have very mild or no symptoms at all.
- The parasites are not spread person-to-person. Normal infection is caused by consuming contaminated food or water
- Persons who think they may have become ill with Cyclospora should consult their health care providers. Only a test involving fecal material can determine the presence of the parasite.
- The illness is treatable with antibiotics

US Foods Policy

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