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River Ranch Salad Mixes Recalled

At a Glance: River Ranch Fresh Foods, LLC of Salinas, CA is initiating a voluntary recall of bagged salads in a variety of brands, including River Ranch and Cross Valley Farms among others, because they have the potential of being contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* following routine random tests conducted in the marketplace by the Food & Drug Administration. **No illnesses have been reported.**

The recalled salad bags have “Best By” code dates between 12MAY2012 – 22MAY2012.

For additional information go to <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm304741.htm?source=govdelivery>

The Issue: *Listeria monocytogenes* is an organism which 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.

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. Note that multiple re-suppliers distribute River Ranch products; there may be additional recalls as these suppliers complete trace-backs of purchases.

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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