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Summary

Company Announcement Date:

November 29, 2024

FDA Publish Date:

December 02, 2024

Product Type:

Food & Beverages
Produce
Foodborne Illness

Reason for Announcement:

Potential Foodborne Illness - Salmonella

Company Name:

Baloian Farms of Arizona Co., Inc.

Brand Name:

PAM PAK

Product Description:

Whole Fresh American Cucumbers

Company Announcement

Togales, AZ (Nov. 29, 2024) – Baloian Farms of Arizona Co., Inc. (Baloian) is recalling all sizes of whole fresh American cucumbers packaged in bulk cardboard containers labeled with the “Pamela” brand, a generic white box with a sticker that provides the implicated grower’s name, “Agrotato, S.A. de C.V.,” or a clear PamPak branded bag of 6 individual cucumbers with the UPC 8 2540107010 6 (photos below). The recalled cucumbers were sold between October 12, 2024, through November 26, 2024, and are being recalled because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or older people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. Symptoms of *salmonellosis* usually start 6 hours to 6 days after infection and last 4 to 7 days.

The whole fresh American cucumbers were sold by Baloian and other importers and shipped to customers located in the states of California, Arizona, Texas, Michigan, Montana, North Carolina, Colorado, Kansas, New York, Massachusetts, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Alaska and

he Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. The cucumbers would have reached consumers through foodservice and retail outlets that may be located in states other than those listed above.

Baloian initiated this recall after learning from SunFed Produce, LLC, that its supplier of American cucumbers, "Agrotato, S.A. de C.V.," may be associated with reported salmonellosis illnesses between October 12 – and November 15, 2024. Discussions with the US Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") confirmed this. Baloian is also contacting its direct buyers to advise them of the recall and ask that they, in turn, notify their customers. No other products sold by or farms supplying to Baloian are implicated in this recall.

Consumers should take the following actions:

- Check to see if you have recalled whole fresh American cucumbers (photo below)
- Anyone with the recalled American cucumbers in their possession should not consume, serve, use, sell, or distribute them; we also encourage consumers to clean and sanitize surfaces that could have come into contact with the recalled product to reduce cross contamination.
- Recalled products should be thrown out or destroyed so they may not be consumed or returned to the point of purchase.
- Consumers unsure if they have purchased the recalled product are advised to contact their retailer or point of purchase vendor.
- If you think you have consumed a recalled product and do not feel well, contact your healthcare provider.

Consumers who have purchased the recalled products may obtain additional information by contacting Baloian's customer service desk 888-840-6642, M-F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST.

We at Baloian Farms are working in conjunction with our grower with the FDA to protect our customers and consumers. Food Safety has always been a top priority as we want to provide safe and nutritious food for our families and consumers." said Luis Corella, President of Baloian Farms of Arizona Co., Inc. "We have been working diligently with the authorities and the implicated farm to determine the possible source."

Link to [FDA Outbreak Advisory](#)

Company Contact Information

Consumers:

(888) 840-6642

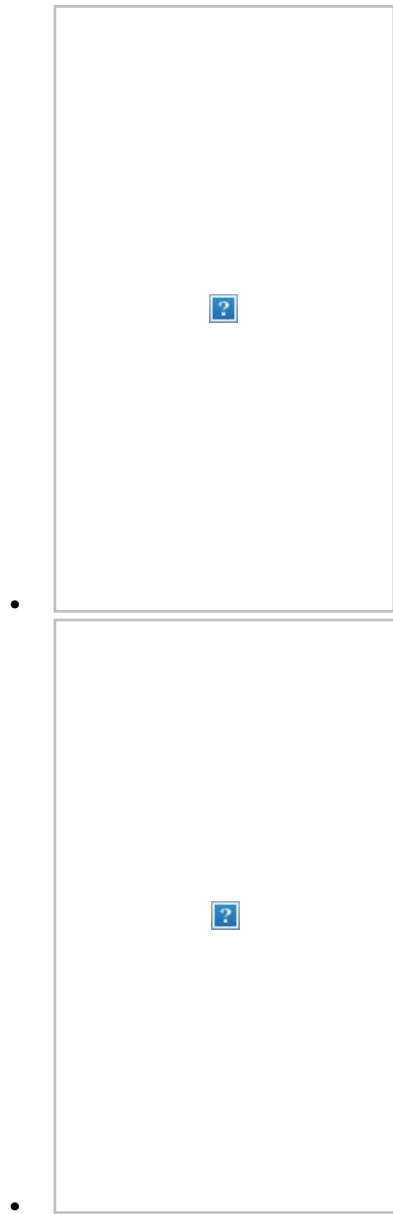
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Product Photos



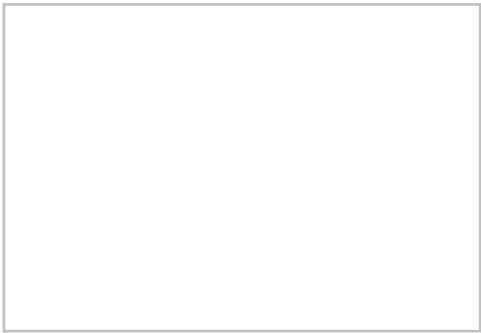
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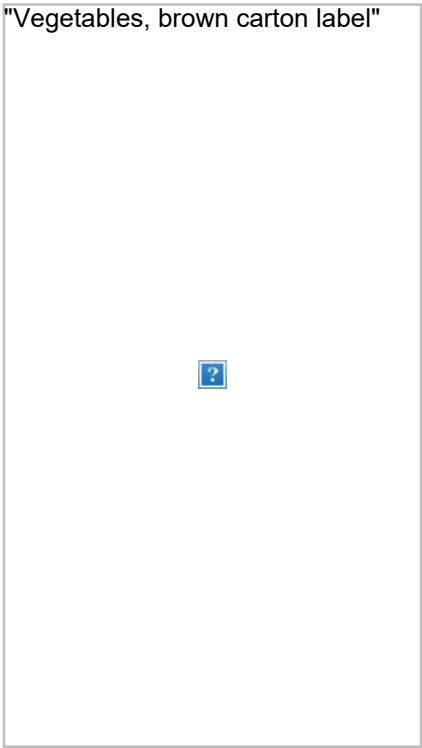
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- * We believe that none of the product being recalled were processed or offered through the national office
 - * We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.
 - * ALL cased and uncased inventories, 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.
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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 <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html>, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/index.asp. Additionally, members can often receive information on national, state, and local recalls by contacting their local health departments.

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