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DATE: September 28, 2012
TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties
RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2012-096

Fresh Express Recalls Limited Quantity Of Expired 18 oz. Hearts Of Romaine Salad Due To Possible Health Risk

Septemeber 27, 2012 - Fresh Express Incorporated is voluntarily recalling a limited quantity of expired 18 oz. Hearts of Romaine salad with the expired Use-by Date of September 26, 2012 and Product Code H256808 as a precaution due to a possible health risk.

No consumer complaints have been received by Fresh Express Consumer Response Center in association with this recall. No other Fresh Express products are being recalled.

The product was distributed primarily in Northeast and Midwest of the United States.

Fresh Express customer service representatives are already contacting retailers to confirm the product was removed from their inventories and store shelves in accordance with standard procedures for products that have reached their expiration date. Customers with questions may contact their Fresh Express customer service representative

Should consumers have this expired product in their refrigerators, it should discarded and not consumed. Consumers with questions may call the Fresh Express Consumer Response Center at (800) 242-5472 during the hours of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

The precautionary recall notification for the now-expired salad is being issued due to an isolated incident in which a sample of a single package of 18 oz. Hearts of Romaine salad yielded a positive result for *Listeria monocytogenes* as part of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's random sample testing program. Fresh Express is continuing to coordinate closely with regulatory officials.

Specific information follows:

Product Being Recalled: Fresh Express Hearts of Romaine in 18 oz. package

Product Code: H256808 (located in upper right corner on front of package)

Use-by Date: September 26, 2012 (also located in upper right hand corner of package)

Distribution: Northeast and Midwest Regions of the U.S.

FRESH EXPRESS PRECAUTIONARY SALAD RECALL - 9/27/12

(No other Fresh Express Salads are included in this recall)

BRAND	PRODUCT NAME	SIZE	UPC	Production Code	Best If Used By Date	POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION STATES
Fresh Express	Hearts of Romaine	18 oz.	071279-262017	H256A08	SEP 26	CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV, WASHINGTON D.C.