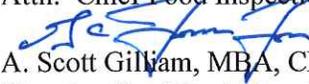




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Gregory N. Larkin, M.D., F.A.A.F.P.
State Health Commissioner

DATE: November 27, 2012
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: 
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Capital City Fruit, Inc. Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Cherry tomatoes shipped by Rio Queen Citrus Inc. on November 10, 2012. Citrus, Inc. following the discovery of a potentially pathogenic organism *Salmonella*; Information is provided in case of a consumer inquiry.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the neighboring State of Illinois. The recalled product was sold in retail stores in Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Capital City Fruit Issues Voluntary Recall on Cherry Tomatoes Due to Possible *Salmonella* Contamination

Contact:
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1-800-535-6826

Media:
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Capital City Fruit, Inc.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -November 21, 2012 - Capital City Fruit, Inc. of Norwalk, Iowa is voluntarily recalling cherry tomatoes shipped by Rio Queen Citrus Inc. on November 10, 2012. Capital City Fruit, Inc. received notification from Rio Queen Citrus, Inc. following the discovery of a potentially pathogenic organism *Salmonella* by the Food and Drug Administration in random testing of an incoming load of cherry tomatoes. *Salmonella* is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly 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.

Cherry tomatoes associated with the Rio Queen Citrus, Inc. recall received on November 12, 2012 and used in the packaging of certain lots of Capital Brand Clamshell Cherry tomatoes have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. These cherry tomatoes were shipped to retail stores from November 14, 2012 through November 18, 2012.

Capital City Fruit, Inc. is issuing this voluntary recall linked to the Rio Queen Citrus, Inc.'s recall to minimize any risk to public health. The recalled product was sold in retail stores in Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

There have been no reported illnesses attributed to the items listed in this recall. Capital City Fruit, Inc. has notified the retailers who have received the recalled product and directed them to remove it from their store shelves. Consumers who purchased affected products listed in the table below should not consume them and should destroy or discard them.

This recall is being made with the knowledge of the United States Food and Drug Administration.

The product being recalled is a Capital Brand 1-pint clamshell container. The label of the clamshell container is located on the top of the container and has a 4-digit date code on the lower right side of the label (see example below). Clamshell cherry tomatoes with the 4-digit date code listed below should be discarded.

Brand	Product	Pack Size	Case Lot #	Clamshell Date Code
Capital Brand	1 Pint Clamshell Cherry Tomatoes	1 Pint	P96290001	4604
			P96330002	4605
			P96477001	4606
			P96368001	4605
			P96500001	4701
			P96313001	4604
			P96330007	4605
			P96290006	4604
			P96500006	4701

Consumers may contact Capital City Fruit, Inc. at (800) 535-6826, Monday- Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time) except holidays.