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Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH State Health Commissioner

DATE:

September 15, 2015

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

Laurie Kidwell, RRT Supervisor

Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

organicgirl Produce - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED

PRODUCT:

organicgirl Baby Spinach

SUMMARY:

Unclassified Recall; The recall has been initiated due to test results indicating the presence of trace levels

of the naturally-occurring element cadmium.

The recalled product is 5 oz. package of organicgirl Baby Spinach with a Use-by Date of September 13 and

Product Code of B030298-001B08S.

The recalled product was distributed to Indiana and Michigan.

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers with questions may call the organicgirl consumer hotline at 866-486-4939, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Pacific Standard Time.

Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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.

Limited Precautionary Recall of 5 oz organicgirl Baby Spinach Announced

Contact:

Consumer: (866) 486-4939 (831) 758-7810

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 10, 2015 – Salinas, California - organicgirl Produce is voluntarily recalling a limited quantity of 5 oz. organicgirl Baby Spinach with a Use-by Date of **September 13 and Product Code B030298-001B08S** due to test results indicating the presence of trace levels of the naturally-occurring element cadmium. The recall includes 1,290 cases distributed primarily to Western and Midwestern states. No other organicgirl Baby Spinach products or other organicgirl salads are included in the recall.



No illnesses are reported in association with this recall.

Because it is naturally-occurring in the earth's soil, trace levels of cadmium are found in many foods as well as in the water and air. There is no minimum health tolerance for Cadmium in crops or soil in the U.S. at this time and the probability of acute health consequences from consumption of Cadmium is remote. organicgirl Produce is coordinating closely with regulators.

This recall action is being taken out of an abundance of caution due to an isolated instance in which a single package of 5 oz. organicgirl Baby Spinach tested randomly by the California Department of Public Health demonstrated the presence of trace levels of cadmium. This recall is one in which any health risk is perceived to be non-life-threatening with any potential health effects being temporary or reversible.

The precautionary recall is being conducted to reach retailers and consumers to notify them that according to the California Department of Public Health, the recalled product should not be consumed.

Consumers

Consumers are being asked to check their refrigerators for a 5 oz. package of organicgirl Baby Spinach with a Use-by Date of September 13 and Product Code of **B030298-001B08S**. If found, it should be discarded. organicgirl will gladly replace it. Consumers with questions may call the organicgirl consumer hotline at 866-486-4939, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Pacific Standard Time.

Retailers

Retailers are asked to check their inventories and store shelves to confirm that none of the recalled product is present or available for purchase. organicgirl Produce customer service representatives have already contacted retailers who received product subject to this recall.

Distribution

The recalled product was distributed to a total of 13 states including Arizona, California, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas and Utah.

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