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BALOIAN FARMS OF ARIZONA CO. RECALLS WHOLE FRESH AMERICAN CUCUMBERS

BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISKS DUE TO SALMONELLA

Nogales, AZ (November 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) because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The company shipped the recalled cucumbers to customers between October 12, 2024, through November 26, 2024.

Salmonella is an organism that 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. 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 shipped to wholesale and distributors 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 the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia.

The cucumbers would have reached consumers through food service and retail outlets that may be located in states other than those mentioned above.

Baloian initiated this recall after receiving information that its supplier of whole, fresh 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 customers 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."

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