



August 11, 2020

## Company Announcement

**Emerald Fruit and Produce Co, Inc.** of Eugene, Oregon is recalling **Sliced, Diced, Whole Peeled or Whole, Red, Yellow and White Onions** shipped from July 8th, 2020 through the July 31<sup>st</sup>, as a result of the expanded onion recall initiated by Thomson International, Inc. The onions are being recalled because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella Newport*, 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.

**Onions** were distributed to **wholesalers, restaurants, and institutions** in **Eugene and the Willamette Valley area.**

The onions were distributed in 5 lbs. cello bags.

**Consumers, restaurants, and retailers should not eat, sell, or serve red, white, or yellow onions from Emerald Fruit and Produce Co, Inc. or products containing such onions. If you cannot tell if your onion is from Emerald Fruit and Produce Co, Inc., or your food product contains such onions, you should not eat, sell, or serve it, and should throw it out.**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, along with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is investigating a multistate outbreak of *Salmonella* infections that may be linked to these onions, so **Emerald Fruit and Produce** is recalling the onions out of an abundance of caution. As of now no specific source of contamination or contaminated shipment has been identified, and FDA is also investigating other potential sources of contamination and has not yet reached a final conclusion.

A total of 640 people infected with the outbreak strain of *Salmonella Newport* have been reported from 43 states..

**Consumers who have any Red, Yellow and White Onions, who cannot tell if their onions are from Emerald Fruit and Produce, should immediately discard these products and disinfect any surfaces that came into contact with the onions. Consumers with questions may contact the company by calling Mat New at 541-342-2136.**

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## Company Contact Information

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## Photos

