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The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – A notice regarding the recalls of various brands of whole cantaloupes and pre-cut products made from recalled cantaloupes in the US because the products are linked to outbreak of *Salmonella*.

The incident

The US FDA issued a notice regarding the recalls of various brands of whole cantaloupes and pre-cut products made from recalled cantaloupes in the US because the products are linked to outbreak of Salmonella.

Recalled products:

Recalled whole cantaloupe from the following brands:

- Whole fresh cantaloupes with a label on the cantaloupe that says "Malichita" or "Rudy", "4050", and "Product of Mexico/produit du Mexique".
- Retailers and wholesalers would have received recalled whole melons from Sofia Produce doing business as TruFresh in boxes labeled "Malichita" or "Rudy", or from Crown Jewels Produce in boxes labeled "Malichita/Z Farms", or from Pacific Trellis in corrugated cartons with certain lot codes.

Recalled pre-cut cantaloupe and products containing pre-cut cantaloupes (these products are made from recalled whole cantaloupes):

- ALDI cantaloupe, cut cantaloupe, and pineapple spears in clamshell packaging with Best-by dates between October 27 and October 31
- Vinyard cantaloupe chunks and cubes, fruit mixes, melon medleys, and fruit cups containing cantaloupe. Most have a





- "Vinyard" label, and some have a red label with "Fresh" sold between October 30 and November 10
- Freshness Guaranteed seasonal blend, melon trio, melon mix, fruit blend, fruit bowl, seasonal fruit tray, fruit mix, and cantaloupe chunks; and RaceTrac fruit medley sold in clear square or round plastic containers
- KwikTrip 6-oz mixed fruit cup, 6-oz cantaloupe cup, and 16-oz fruit tray
- Bix Produce 5.75-oz Created Fresh! cantaloupe Grab N' Go fruit cups, Created Fresh! Grab N' Go mixed fruit cups, and Jack & Olive mixed fruit cups
- GHGA pre-cut products containing cantaloupe branded as Sprouts Farmers Market, Trader Joes, and unbranded products.
- Cut Fruit Express Caribou Coffee Fruit Mix CHPG 6.5oz and Cut Fruit Express-brand of 6.5oz, 15oz, 16oz, 32oz packages of Fruit Mix containing cantaloupes. This recall also includes food service packages of cantaloupe chunks and fruit mixes containing cantaloupe.
- TGD Cuts, LLC fresh-cut fruit cup, clamshell and tray products containing cantaloupe.
- Stop & Shop Truefresh Cantaloupe.

Note: see recall announcements for detailed information such as lot codes and "best by" dates

Details of products being recalled are listed in the website of the FDA.

Source

Website of the FDA

https://www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/outbreak-investigation-salmonella-cantaloupes-november-2023





https://www.fda.gov/safety/major-product-recalls/2023-recalls-food-products-associated-cantaloupes-due-potential-risk-salmonella

https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/vinyard-fruit-and-vegetable-company-recalls-cantaloupe-due-potential-salmonella-contamination

https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/cf-dallas-llc-coordination-sofia-produce-llc-dba-trufresh-voluntarily-recalls-select-fresh-cut-fruit

https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/bix-produce-issues-safety-alert-cut-cantaloupe-products-due-potential-salmonella-contamination

https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/kwik-trip-inc-recalls-specific-fruit-cups-and-trays-due-potential-salmonella-contamination

https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/updated-ghga-llc-coordination-sofia-produce-llc-dba-trufresh-voluntarily-recalls-select-fresh-cut

https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/tgd-cuts-llc-recalls-certain-fresh-cut-fruit-cup-clamshell-and-tray-products-due-possible-health

Position of CFS

• Information on product distribution outside the US is not available from the website of the FDA. The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) is investigating whether the affected products have been imported to Hong Kong and is contacting the relevant authority for further information. Preliminary





investigation did not identify local sale or import of the affected products.

- Acquisition of the products through online purchase or international travel cannot be excluded.
- Consumers should discard the products and not consume them.
- CFS will remain vigilant and monitor for any new development and take appropriate actions when necessary.
- Investigation by CFS is ongoing.
- Salmonella infection may cause fever and gastrointestinal upset such as abdominal pain and diarrhoea. People with lowered immunity such as infants and the elderly could present with more severe and even life-threatening infection.

Additional information

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