



## FOOD SAFETY UPDATE: MULTI-STATE SALMONELLOSIS OUTBREAK LINKED TO IMPORTED CUCUMBERS

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ProPacific Fresh is closely monitoring the multi-state outbreak of *Salmonella* Saintpaul linked to imported cucumbers distributed by Tricar Sales, Inc. of Rio Rico, Arizona. On April 24, 2013 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) placed the suppliers of the cucumbers, Daniel Cardenas Izabal and Miracle Greenhouse of Culiacan, Mexico on Import Alert. While on Import Alert, the cucumbers from these two firms will not be allowed into the U.S. unless the suppliers provide evidence that they are not contaminated with *Salmonella*.

The FDA and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have been assessing the outbreak and notifying the public of any new information. To date, 73 people have been report sick from the outbreak across 18 states (Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin).

### What we know:

- The outbreak has been linked to cucumbers distributed by Tricar Sales, Inc. of Rio Rico, Arizona
- Further investigation into the distributor identified two suppliers, Daniel Cardenas Izabal and Miracle Greenhouse of Culiacan, Mexico as the source of the cucumbers
- The number of illnesses reported has substantially declined since a peak in early March however, the total number of illnesses recorded are likely to increase as investigators determine whether other cases are related
- As of the time of this notice, no recall has been issued by the FDA or CDC in relation to this product

### **ProPacific Fresh is not affected by this and our suppliers source from other growing regions.**

For more in-depth information including a map of the affected states, please refer to the CDC website: <http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/saintpaul-04-13/index.html>. In addition, attached for your review is the FDA's outbreak investigation.

ProPacific Fresh will continue to apprise customers of the situation as it pertains to the produce we supply you.

Best regards,

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