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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2018-141

Food Recall of Fit & Active Southwest Veggie Stuffed Sandwiches Due to Possible *Listeria monocytogenes* and *Salmonella* Contamination in Vegetables

Pennsauken, NJ - J&J Snack Foods Handheld Corp. of Holly Ridge, NC is voluntarily recalling two lots of Fit & Active Southwest Veggie Stuffed Sandwiches due to potential contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes* and *Salmonella*. *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.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism, which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria monocytogenes* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women. Individuals concerned about an illness should contact their health care provider.

The Fit & Active Southwest Veggie Stuffed Sandwiches products affected have production dates of Julian code: 20027230003106:15 BEST BY FEB 09 2019 and Julian code: 20027235003115:13 BEST BY FEB 14 2019.

Below is information to help identify the product.

UPC Code	Brand / Label	Product Description	Best By Dates
0 4149815117 1	Fit & Active	Southwest Veggie Stuffed Sandwiches	FEB 09 2019 & FEB 14 2019

Although this product is not ready-to-eat and has baking instructions which, if followed, will reduce consumer risk, there remains some risk that mishandling of this product prior to or without adequate baking may cause illness. To date, no illnesses have been reported in connection with these products and this recall has been initiated as a precautionary measure.

The potential for contamination was discovered after a supplier, McCain Foods, IL, announced it was recalling frozen vegetables which are ingredients used in the product.

Products were distributed between 08/22/2017 - 09/20/2017 to Aldi retail stores in Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Vermont, and West Virginia. Product was also available for purchase to ALDI customers in the Atlanta area through the company's partnership with Instacart, a grocery delivery service.

Consumers with affected products are urged to discard or return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Customers or consumers with questions may call 856-532-9064 between Monday - Friday 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern Time.