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DATE: November 13, 2018

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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2018-148

The Pictsweet Company Recalls 8-ounce Steam'ables Asparagus Spears due to Potential for *Listeria Monocytogenes*

The Pictsweet Company has recalled 1,872 cases of Pictsweet Farms 8-ounce Steam'ables Asparagus Spears because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. *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. Healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. Listeria infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The recall affects only Pictsweet Farms 8-ounce Steam'ables Asparagus Spears identified by UPC code 0 70560 97799 9 with production codes beginning with the following six digits: 2138XD and a "BEST BY AUG 1, 2020." A photo of the package is included with this release. The following information is printed on the back panel of each package (bag) as shown below.

2138XD PROD OF USA
BEST BY AUG 01 2020

No illnesses have been reported to date and no other Pictsweet Farms products are impacted by this recall.

The states in which the product was distributed are as follows: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The company initiated this recall after it was notified by the manufacturer that product suspected of containing *Listeria monocytogenes* was inadvertently shipped to The Pictsweet Company.

Consumers who have purchased Pictsweet Farms 8 ounce Steam'ables Asparagus Spears with the code listed above may contact our consumer affairs line at 1-800-527-0986 from 9am to 5pm Central Standard Time, Monday – Friday or return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund.

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At Pictsweet Farms, growing wholesome and delicious vegetables is our way of life. It's early mornings, caring for the land, praying for rain, and waiting for that perfect moment to harvest. For our family, farming is about tradition, integrity and hard work. It's how we feed our family and yours.

Nutrition Facts

About 2 1/2 servings per container
Serving size 6 spears (83g)

	Per serving		Per container	
	25	70		
	% DV*	% DV*		
Calories				
Total Fat	0g	0%	0.5g	1%
Saturated Fat	0g	0%	0g	0%
Trans Fat	0g		0g	
Cholesterol	0mg	0%	0mg	0%
Sodium	5mg	0%	15mg	1%
Total Carb.	4g	1%	10g	4%
Dietary Fiber	2g	7%	4g	14%
Total Sugars	2g		4g	
Incl. Added Sugars	0g	0%	0g	0%
Protein	2g		6g	
Vitamin C	0mg	0%	0mg	0%
Calcium	11mg	0%	28mg	2%
Iron	0mg	0%	1mg	6%
Potassium	196mg	4%	544mg	10%

INGREDIENTS: ASPARAGUS.
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THIS SIDE UP IN MICROWAVE

- MICROWAVE DIRECTIONS:**
 Do Not Open, Pierce, or Thaw Before Cooking
 1. Gently shake package to distribute contents.
 2. Place this package THIS SIDE UP in microwave.
 3. Microwave as HIGH for listed time.
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| Weight | 900-1200 | 1200-1600 | 1600-2000 |
| Cook Time | 4 1/2 min. | 7 min. | 10 1/2 min. |
4. Let stand 1 min. CAUTION bag will be hot.
 5. Open package, pour and enjoy.

- STOVE TOP DIRECTIONS:**
 Open package, remove from enclosure and place into a sauté pan. Cover with water. Boil for 3 minutes. Drain.

- FOR FOOD SAFETY:**
 • Keep frozen until ready to cook
 • Do not refreeze
 • Heat to 165°F before use
 • Refrigerate leftovers



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