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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

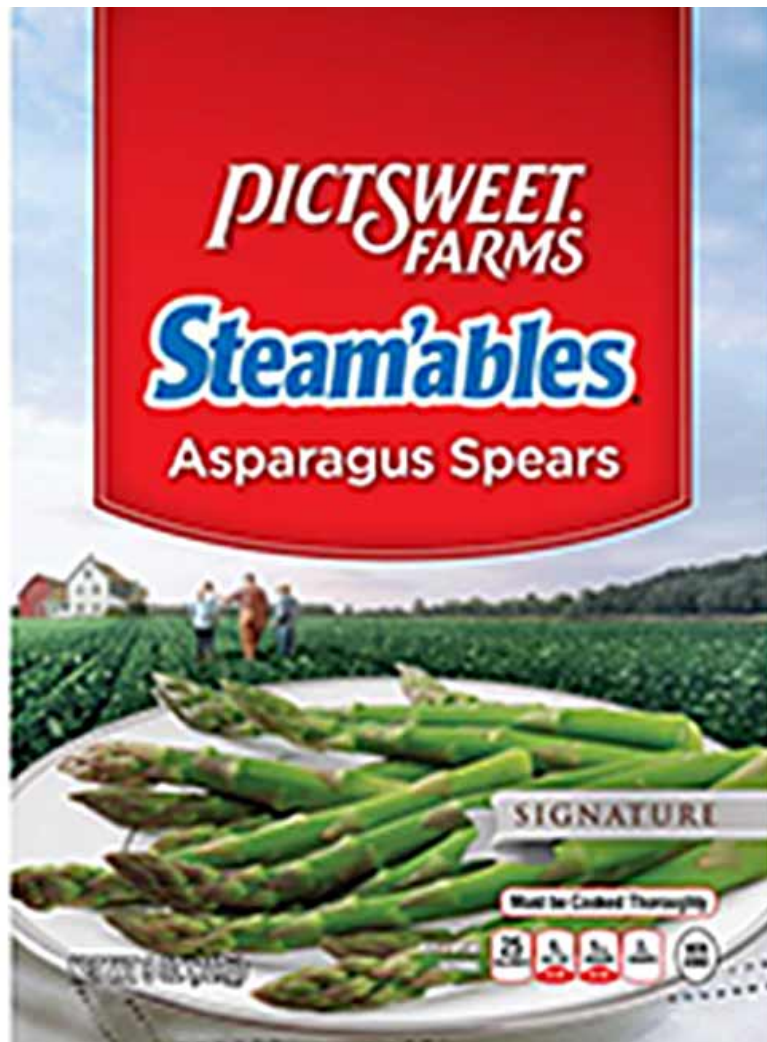
No illnesses have been reported to date and no other Pictsweet Farms products are impacted by this recall.

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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**SIGNATURE**  
Asparagus Spears

**Steam'ables**

Special dinners give us a chance to catch up with friends and family, share stories and celebrate events. The distinctive and delicious vegetables offered in Pictsweet Farms Signatures will help you make these dinners even more special.

*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	
Calories	25	70	
	% DV*	% DV*	
Total Fat	0g	0%	0.5g 1%
Saturated Fat	0g	0%	0g 0%
Trans Fat	0g	0%	0g 0%
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	0%	4g 0%
Incl. Added Sugars	0g	0%	0g 0%
Protein	2g	0%	6g 0%
Vitamin C	0mg	0%	0mg 0%
Calcium	11mg	0%	28mg 2%
Iron	0mg	0%	1mg 0%
Potassium	166mg	4%	564mg 10%

\*The % Daily Values (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used as a general nutrition guide.

**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 on HIGH for listed time.

Weight	900-1200	1200-1500	1500-1800
Cook Time	4 1/2 min.	4 min.	3 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 saucepan. Cover with water. Boil for 8 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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