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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2019-209

Almark Foods Recalls Hard Cooked Egg Products in Pails Due to Possible *Listeria monocytogenes* Contamination

Almark Foods is voluntarily recalling Hard-Boiled and Peeled Eggs in white plastic pails with white plastic lids due to 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. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, a *Listeria monocytogenes* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.


On December 18, 2019 the firm was notified by FDA that Almark Foods' Hard-Boiled and Peeled Eggs in pails produced at its Gainesville, Georgia facility may be associated with a *Listeria monocytogenes* foodborne illness investigation, which remains ongoing. Out of an abundance of caution, Almark Foods is voluntarily recalling all Hard-Cooked and Peeled Eggs in Pails produced at its Gainesville, Georgia facility that remain within expiry. The Company has suspended production of the recalled egg products in pails at its Gainesville facility to further investigate the issue.

Products affected are:

Product Name	Size	Product ID	Use By Date
Almark Foods Hard Cooked Broken Egg Whites	20 LBS	42020	12/19/2019, 1/23/2020, 1/24/2020
Almark Hard-cooked Eggs	20 LBS	30020	1/29/2020, 2/10/2020, 2/24/2019, 2/14/2020
Eggs Select Whole Hard Cooked Peeled Eggs	23 LBS	64023-05	1/27/2020
Nic's Peeled Pearls 23lb Salad Grade Hard-Boiled Eggs	23 LBS	17394	1/20/2020, 2/3/2020, 2/4/2020, 2/24/2020

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Nic's Peeled Pearls, Nic's Salad Grade Hard-boiled Eggs	20 LBS	17395	12/24/2019, 12/25/2019, 12/31/2019, 1/6/2020, 1/7/2020, 1/8/2020, 1/13/2020, 1/14/2020, 1/28/2020, 1/28/2020, 1/29/2020, 2/4/2020, 2/5/2020
Rainbow Farms 20 LB Hard-Cooked Peeled Eggs	20 LBS	60020	1/13/2020, 1/20/2020, 1/21/2020, 1/22/2020, 1/27/2020, 1/28/2020, 1/29/2020, 2/3/2020, 2/10/2020, 2/11/2020, 2/14/2020, 2/17/2020, 2/18/2020, 2/24/2020
Rainbow Farms 23 LB Hard Cooked Peeled Eggs	23 LBS	60023	1/13/2020, 1/15/2019, 1/20/2020, 1/22/2019, 1/27/2020, 1/29/2020, 2/3/2020, 2/10/2020, 2/13/2020, 2/17/2020, 2/19/2020, 2/24/2020, 2/26/2020
Rainbow Farms 23 LB Hard Cooked Peeled Eggs in Vinegar	23 LBS	60023V	1/22/2020, 2/13/2020
Rainbow Farms 25 LB Hard Cooked, Peeled Eggs	25 LBS	60025	1/13/2020, 1/28/2020, 2/13/2020, 2/17/2020
Sutherland's Food Service Inc., Premium Hard Cooked Peeled Select Whole Eggs	20 LBS	60020-3	1/15/2020

The products were distributed to food service companies in (GA, CA, MS, NC, PA, TN, IA, MO, AL, FL, AZ). These products were packaged in 20, 23, and 25 pound plastic pails and sold primarily to further processing plants of egg products and restaurant chain suppliers. **Other products produced by Almark are not affected by this recall.**

Customers who have purchased this product are urged to destroy the product. Customers with questions may contact Almark Foods' Customer Helpline at (877) 546-0454  Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm EST.