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Recall -- Firm Press Release

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Ready Pac Foods, Inc. Announces Voluntary Product Recall Because Of Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - November 16, 2011 - Ready Pac Foods, Inc. of Irwindale, CA is recalling a total of 5,379 cases of bagged salad products containing Romaine lettuce, as listed below, with the Use-by Date of **November 18, 2011** because they may be contaminated with *E. coli* (*E. coli* O157:H7). *E. coli* O157:H7 is an organism that may cause diarrheal illness often with bloody stools. Although most healthy adults can recover completely within a week, some people can develop a form of kidney failure called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). HUS is most likely to occur in young children and the elderly. The condition can lead to serious kidney damage and even death.

The recall extends only to the listed products with this Use-by Date and sold in the following states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming. **No other Ready Pac Foods, Inc. products are included in the recall.**

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	UPC #	BEST IF USED BY
10oz. Ready Pac Caesar Romaine	0-77745-00202-6	NOV 18
9.25oz Ready Pac Santa Fe Caesar Complete Salad	0-77745-21404-7	NOV 18
10oz. Ready Pac Classic Caesar Complete Salad	0-77745-20566-3	NOV 18
10oz. Ready Pac Bella Romaine	0-77745-21407-8	NOV 18
10oz. Dining In Classic Caesar Salad Kit	0-11225-02530-3	NOV 18
10oz. Raley's Caesar Romaine	0-46567-71642-8	NOV 18
10oz. Trader Joe's Romaine Salad	0013-2145	NOV 18
16oz. Trader Joe's Very American Salad	0020-7225	NOV 18
10oz. Safeway Farms Caesar Romaine	0-21130-98350-6	NOV 18
9oz. Safeway Farms Hearts of Romaine	0-21130-98358-2	NOV 18
10oz. Safeway Farms Complete Caesar Supreme	0-21130-33677-7	NOV 18
10.25oz Safeway Farms Complete Southwestern Ranch	0-21130-33679-1	NOV 18

No illnesses related to these products have been reported.

The voluntary recall was initiated based on a single positive random sample result for *E. coli* O157:H7 reported to Ready Pac by the FDA. Ready Pac is fully cooperating with the FDA on the recall.

Because it is still possible that products bearing the Use-by Date of **November 18, 2011** could be on store shelves, this recall extends to retailers as well as consumers. Ready Pac believes that it is important to alert consumers and retailers who might still possess one of the potentially affected salads to dispose of it immediately.

Instructions for Consumers:

Check your refrigerator for the above listed products with the Use-by Date of **November 18, 2011**. The Use-by Date can be found in the upper left hand corner of the package with the UPC numbers located on the back side of the bag.

Consumers who may have purchased the affected product are asked to record the Use-by Date and UPC number, immediately dispose of the product, and contact the Ready Pac Consumer Affairs representative, toll-free at (800) 800-7822, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Time) to obtain a full refund.

Ready Pac Foods, Inc. has earned an outstanding safety record for over 40 years and has taken immediate precautionary measures to protect public health by issuing this voluntary recall and removing product from the market. We have notified all of our retail customers who have received the product in question and directed them to remove it from their shelves.

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