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California firms recalls fruit because of possible health risk

Wawona Packing Company of Cutler, Calif., is voluntarily recalling certain lots of whole white and yellow peaches, white and yellow nectarines, plums and pluots packed between June 1 through July 12 due to the potential of the products being contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes.

The company has notified retailers of the specific lots being recalled. No other products are impacted by this recall. No illnesses have been linked to this recall to date, but the products were distributed to retailers nationwide, including Illinois.

Consumers can identify the recalled products by the information provided in the attached list and photographs. Anyone who has the recalled products in their possession should not consume them and should discard them. Consumers with questions should contact Wawona Packing at 1-888-232-9912, M-F, 8am-5pm ET, or the retailer where the product was purchased:

Product list Product label photos

Because the exact locations of the companies that purchased the products are not known, the company is issuing a nationwide recall.

Wawona Packing has already notified its business customers and requested that they remove the recalled products from commerce. Wawona Packing is voluntarily recalling these products in consultation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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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 infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The recall was initiated based on internal company testing. The company shut down the implicated packing lines, retrofitted equipment, sanitized the facility and retested. Subsequent daily test results have been negative.

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