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OCEAN MIST FARMS Announces Precautionary, Voluntary Recall of 1,746 Cases of Iceless Green Onions

CASTROVILLE, CA –Although no Ocean Mist Farms' product has been identified, the company immediately began a precautionary, voluntary recall of 1,746 cases of iceless green onions. This decision follows confirmation from federal regulators of a positive test for salmonella on iceless green onions supplied by Circle Produce to several shippers, including Ocean Mist Farms.

"The health and safety of our customers and their consumers always comes first. As soon as we learned of the positive test, it became our immediate responsibility to begin a voluntary recall of the product in the interest of protecting public health," said Ed Boutonnet, president, Ocean Mist Farms. "We quickly traced back the product using our tracking system and will work closely with our customers and officials."

"It's fortunate there have been no reported illnesses; regardless, we must remain vigilant in ensuring food safety." The company has suspended receiving Circle Produce green onions. Ocean Mist Farms will continue to provide green onions from its own growing and packing operation.

"We're seeing more inspections by regulators throughout the industry, which is good. It's having a positive effect in ensuring food safety, and through our systems at Ocean Mist Farms, we're able to trace back and quickly recall product."

It is possible that a small amount of product may have already been purchased by consumers and therefore anyone who has purchased any of the following products with the trace back codes listed below should dispose of the product. For additional information, consumers can visit www.oceanmist.com.

The recalled iceless green onion pack styles and code dates are as follows:

- 4 x 12 count
- 2 x 24 count
- 24 count 5.5oz Cello Bag
- 36 count 5.5 oz Cello Bag
- 40 count 5.5 oz Cello Bag

Trace Back Code:95ONCP7G

Production Dates: 80309; 80709; 80809; 81109; 81209; 81309