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August 7, 2008

Mr. Alberto Tapia, Owner and President
El Campo Produce Inc.
6640-D East WT Harris Boulevard
Charlotte, North Carolina 28226

Dear Mr. Tapia:

In response to a food borne illness outbreak investigation, Food Regulatory Specialist Teresa Blackwelder and Food Defense Coordinator Wendy Campbell of this Department collected the following official samples from your facility on July 9, 2008:


Frutas Finas de Tancitaro Hass Avocados, Produce of Mexico, 60 ct
Dist. By: Jose Maria Flores Gonzalez;
Antigua Carretera Tancitaro-Periban KM 1
Tel & Fax 01 (425) 59 15 361 859 15 429
Tancitaro Michoacan, Mexico
Received 07-09-08 Code: HUE 081C(or 6)0090889
FDC 0011170

Jalapenos, rec'd 07/07/08
~1/2 case in black plastic crate, 15 lbs
FDC 0011178

Analysis of these products revealed them to be contaminated with Salmonella as detailed on Official Reports FDC 0011170 and 0011178 (enclosed).

We agree with your decision to voluntarily recall these products from sale and distribution. We understand that this recall has been completed with all accounts contacted and all products under voluntary recall removed from retail sales and wholesale distribution.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call this office.

Sincerely,

Anita M. MacMullan
Food Compliance Supervisor

Enclosures: FDC 0011170 and 0011178

Cc: Teresa Blackwelder, Food Regulatory Specialist
Wendy Campbell, Food Defense Coordinator
Martin Prieto, Martin's Distribuidora
FDA/ATL-DO/RLG-RP



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FDC NO: 0011170 Raleigh, N.C. July 17, 2008

An OFFICIAL SAMPLE, represented or sold as HASS Avocados obtained by

Teresa Blackwelder an officer of this Department on July 9, 2008

Labeled: Frutas Finas de Tancitaro Hass Avocados, Produce of Mexico, 60 ct
Dist. by: Jose Maria Flores Gonzalez; Antigua Carretera Tancitaro-Periban KM 1, Tel & Fax
01(425) 59 15 361 859 15 429, Tancitaro Michoacan, Mexico
Received 07-09-08 Code: HUE 081C(or 6)0090889

Mfr. or Dist. Grande Produce LTD, Co., P.O. Box Q, Hidalgo, Tx 78557

Retail Dealer El Campo Produce, 6640-D East W.T. Harris Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28215

RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

Salmonella contamination detected.

CONCLUSION: Food is deemed adulterated in that it consists in whole or in part of a diseased, contaminated, filthy, Putrid, or decomposed substance, or if it is otherwise unfit for foods.

TO: Teresa Blackwelder
FDA/ATL-DO/RLG-RP
Grande Produce LTD, Co.
El Campo Produce

Larry D. Gabriel

Larry D. Gabriel, Food Administrator
BY: Anita M. MacMullan
Food Compliance Supervisor



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FDC NO: 0011178 Raleigh, N.C. July 17, 2008

An OFFICIAL SAMPLE, represented or sold as Jalapenos

Obtained By: Wendy Campbell an officer of this Department on July 9, 2008

Labeled: Jalapenos, rec'd 07/07/08
~1/2 case in black plastic crate, 15 lbs

Mfr. or Dist. Grande Produce LTD, Co., P.O. Box Q, Hidalgo, TX 78557

Retail Dealer El Campo Produce, 6640-D East W.T. Harris Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28215

RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

Salmonella contamination detected.

CONCLUSION: Food is deemed adulterated in that it consists in whole or in part of a diseased, contaminated, filthy, putrid, or decomposed substance, or if it is otherwise unfit for foods.

TO: Wendy Campbell
FDA/ALT-DO/RLG-RP
Grand Produce LTD, Co.
El Campo Produce

Larry D. Gabriel

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