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Department of Health issues a recall alert for four Ready Pac Foods, Inc. salad kits due to potential *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) Food and Drug Branch (FDB) is alerting residents of a voluntary recall alert by Ready Pac Foods, Inc. of four varieties of their salad kits because of potential *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination. These salad kits were sold throughout the United States, including Walmart and Costco in Hawai'i, and are being recalled because they contain cheese products recently recalled by Rizo Lopez Foods, Inc. for *Listeria monocytogenes* that was first identified by the DOH Laboratory and FDB. As of February 9, 2024, the date of this news release, there have been no adverse events reported nationwide, and Disease Outbreak Control Division-Disease Investigation Branch (DOCD-DIB) has not encountered any cases in Hawai'i attributable to this recall.



Listeria monocytogenes can cause listeriosis, a serious and sometimes fatal infection as a result of eating *Listeria*-contaminated food. The disease primarily affects pregnant individuals, newborns, the elderly, and others with weakened immune systems. Listeriosis can cause miscarriages and stillbirths. Healthy individuals may suffer symptoms such as fever, severe headache, muscle aches, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain, and/or diarrhea. Although people can develop listeriosis up to two months after eating contaminated food, symptoms will usually start within several days from consumption, often with diarrhea. Listeriosis may be treated with antibiotics.

Please contact your healthcare provider immediately if you are exhibiting symptoms after having consumed any of the recalled products.

The FDB advises consumers to check for the salad kits listed below and dispose of them immediately, including the individual packets of cheese, or return them to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Consumers who purchased the recalled products may contact Ready Pac Foods Consumer Affairs at 1-800-800-7822 (7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. HST, Monday through Friday) or by emailing bfa-consumer.affairs@bonduelle.com for additional information.

The recalled product descriptions and relevant information are listed below:

Product Description	Size	UPC	Use by Date	Representative Image
Marketside Southwest Chopped Kit (Walmart)	10.3 oz	681131305129	12/27/2023 – 1/14/2024	
Marketside Bacon Ranch Crunch Kit (Walmart)	9.8 oz	681131305440	2/3/2024 – 2/19/2024	
Ready Pac Bistro Queso Crunch Salad Kit (Costco)	24 oz	077745256139	1/13/2024 – 2/18/2024	

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