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## Press Release

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### **Gills Onions Recalls Diced Red Onions for Possible Health Risk**

(JUNEAU, AK) – Gills Onions, LLC has issued a recall for one lot of diced red onions that may be tainted with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

*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.

This recall affects retail stores as well as restaurant distributors. Retail diced red onions under this recall were distributed in 7-ounce clear plastic clamshell containers labeled Gills Onions. The lot code, 51RDA1A2119, and the now expired "Use By" date of May 17, 2012 are stamped on the label.

Alaska DEC has confirmed distribution of these products in Alaska. To date, there have been no reported illnesses in Alaska or other states. Alaska DEC is contacting distributors to assure they have received the recall information, have pulled any affected product, and have notified their customers.

Consumers who have this product are asked to discard it. Consumers with questions about the recall, including refund information, should contact Gills Onions at 1-800-348-2255, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PDT. Visit [www.gillsonions.com](http://www.gillsonions.com) for updates.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm304732.htm?source=govdelivery>.

For more information on recalls affecting Alaskans, visit DEC's website:

<http://www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.html>.



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