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Dear U.S. Customer,

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has lifted the consumer advisory to not eat romaine lettuce products. FDA stated that any product harvested subsequent to the initial advisory date that does not come from the central coast growing regions of northern and central California are acceptable for consumption. Product is no longer being harvested from the regions that were potentially linked to the outbreak.

Sysco understands the impact this event has had on your business. We are doing everything possible to replenish U.S. inventory with romaine lettuce products that meet the requirements in the updated FDA advisory and will begin distributing them in the U.S. as soon as possible. Your Sysco contact will keep you updated accordingly.

In order to help facilitate the lifting of this advisory, the FDA and industry have agreed that industry will immediately begin labeling products to identify the origin of romaine lettuce based on harvest region along with the date of harvest. Subsequent orders of romaine products will contain this information on the product packaging.

Based on the update, the FDA is maintaining their position that prior to November 20, 2018, any product in the market containing romaine should not be consumed.

This is an ongoing investigation by FDA and CDC, and it is important to remember that this outbreak has not been declared over. FDA and CDC will continue to post updated information on their websites.

**At this time, there is no change to the advisory as it pertains to Canada.**

The Public Health Agency of Canada's update from November 23, 2018, continues to advise individuals in Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick to not consume Romaine Lettuce Products or products containing Romaine Lettuce.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/public-health-notices/2018/outbreak-ecoli-infections-linked-romaine-lettuce.html>

Sysco will continue to monitor the ongoing outbreak investigation and follow any advice/guidance by the regulatory agencies and will keep you updated as the investigation progresses. For additional information, please review the FDA website:

<https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm626716.htm>