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TO: Oregon WIC Authorized Vendors

FROM: WIC Vendor Management Services Team

RE: WIC shoppers and recall of Great Lakes Cheese Company

## Action required: Share with all store managers and cashiers.

The Food & Drug Administration posted a Class 2 recall for a variety of shredded cheese blends manufactured by Great Lakes Cheese Co. distributed under different labels in 31 states and Puerto Rico. The recall includes shredded cheeses in a variety of blends, cuts and product sizes. Read more about this FDA recall here: <a href="https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/ires/?Event=97827">https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/ires/?Event=97827</a>.

The voluntary recall began October 3, 2025, due to a potential to contain metal fragments and was reclassified by FDA to a Class 2 recall on December 3, 2025. Cheese purchased in the last month is not part of this recall. The "Best By" date on the package of the recalled items is January - March 2026. The manufacturer is urging consumers to check their refrigerators and freezers for the recalled product and to either discard the product or return it to the store for a full refund. However, please remember:

Your WIC Vendor Agreement prohibits issuing cash refunds, in-store credits, or rainchecks on products purchased with eWIC (Part 3, 1, 1.3).

If a WIC shopper returns with recalled product, vendors may exchange the product for another WIC-authorized cheese that is of equal value to the recalled product.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Oregon WIC Vendor Team at 877-807-0889 or email <u>WIC.VendorServices@odhsoha.oregon.gov</u>