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## PEAKfresh<sup>®</sup> USA Produce Bags Being Utilized by NASA for Produce Being Sent to and Stored at the International Space Station

Lake Forest, Calif. (April 3, 2018) – PEAKfreshUSA today announces that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is utilizing PEAKfresh produce bags on its latest resupply mission via SpaceX CRS-14. The launch successfully took place Monday, April 2, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. EDT from SLC-40 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and will be delivering supplies and equipment to the International Space Station (ISS).

The PEAKfresh bags being used by NASA are the same produce bags available in local markets nationwide and online US retailers. Each bag measures 12" x 16" and is being used by NASA to store fruit and vegetables such as oranges, apples, carrots and tomatoes. Prior to launch, the produce was washed, air-dried, placed in PEAKfresh bags and then stored in the capsule. Once arriving at the ISS, the produce will remain in PEAKfresh bags until consumed by the astronauts.

PEAKfresh is Modified Atmosphere Packaging (MAP) made specifically for produce. MAP products modify the composition of the air surrounding the packaged food in order to extend the initial fresh state of it. There are various types of MAP products with PEAKfresh being an ethylene extractor. The effectiveness of PEAKfresh comes from a natural occurring mineral that extracts ethylene gas – the agent that causes produce to ripen and ultimately

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spoil. By reducing ethylene gas, PEAKfresh extends the freshness and life of produce for up to 2 – 3 times normal shelf life.

"PEAKfresh has a long history of successfully helping produce growers, shippers, and retailers in preserving their produce from harvest, to storage, during transit and at store level," said Greg Ganzerla, President and CEO of PEAKfreshUSA. "The 12" x 16" home-use bag is our latest offering and we've experienced tremendous reception from consumers. I am honored that NASA is using PEAKfresh at the ISS and am confident that it will provide the shelf life extension they need. Furthermore, because we proudly manufacture our product in the United States, it is especially meaningful that a US Federal Agency like NASA is using it."

## About PEAKfresh USA

Lake Forest, Calif.-based PEAKfreshUSA is a manufacturer and distributor of modified atmosphere packaging products in the United States, Canada and Mexico. All PEAKfresh products are made of low density polyethylene resin with a natural occurring mineral that extracts damaging gases. PEAKfresh products also have an anti-fog element that removes condensation stopping the growth of mold and bacteria while maintaining high humidity levels. PEAKfresh is odorless and does not alter the taste of produce in any way.

The PEAKfreshUSA product portfolio includes pallet covers, box liners, and home use produce bags. All PEAKfreshUSA products are made in the United States and guaranteed to meet all Federal, State and local food and drug administration and food safety programs. All PEAKfreshUSA products are BPA-free, OMRI Listed for Organic Use, re-usable and can be recycled. To learn more, visit www.peakfreshusa.com or call 877-537-3748.