

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Consider this message a "Heads Up" notice. If warranted, DSCP will initiate an ALFOODACT. FYI, I've pasted a copy of the DSCP Vendor Recall Notice below:

**SUBJECT: DSCP Vendor Recall 023-2003: *Mark's Quality Meats Inc.,*
(Ground Beef and Various Cuts of Beef and Steaks)**

Date Issued: August 20, 2003

Recall Notification Level: Institutional (Restaurants)

RECALL NOTIFICATION REPORT
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

PRODUCTS RECALLED: Ground Beef and Various Cuts of Beef and Steaks.

PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES: Produced on August 15 and 16 2003. All packages bearing a date code of August 15 and 16, 2003. The products subject to recall are various sized boxes of "BEEF, FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY, KEEP REFRIGERATED MARK'S QUALITY MEATS, DETROIT, MI 48209." Each box bears the production date "81503" or "81603" as well as the establishment code "EST. 8951" inside the USDA mark of inspection.

The company used a multi-purpose label that indicates whether the boxes contain ground beef or various intact cuts of beef.

PROBLEM/REASON FOR RECALL: The products may be adulterated due to processing under unsanitary conditions because of the use of non-potable water.

HOW/WHEN DISCOVERED: The Food Safety and Inspection Service Field Operations Inspection Program discovered the problem. As a result of the power failure in the Detroit area due to the northeastern power grid problems, water potability was compromised and non-potable water was used in the processing of the recalled products.

FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT: 8951 M
Mark's Quality Meats Inc.
6800 Dix Avenue
Detroit, MI 48209

CONSUMER CONTACT: Mr. Mark Osten, President, 313-554-2500

MEDIA CONTACT: Mr. Mark Osten, President, 313-554-2500

QUANTITY RECALLED: Approximately 3,600 pounds

DISTRIBUTION: Greater Detroit Metropolitan Area

RECALL CLASSIFICATION: Class I

RECALL NOTIFICATION LEVEL: Institutional (Restaurants)

PRESS RELEASE: Yes

DIRECT NOTIFICATION MEANS: The firm has notified its customers orally and will follow-up in writing.

FSIS FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES: Effectiveness checks by the FSIS, Office of Field Operations (OFO).

OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED: None

FSIS CONTACTS:

FSIS Recall Coordinator: (608) 219-5098

Consumer Inquiries: 1-800-535-4555

Media Inquiries: 202-720-9113

Congressional Inquiries: 202-720-3897

Recall Management: 202-690-6389

Web site: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/recalls/rec_intr.htm

DATE OF RECALL MEETING: August 19, 2003

RECALL CASE NUMBER: 035-2003

DSCP INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) Secure in a "Medical Hold" status to provide assurance of no further issue/sale/use of the item.

(2) Return recalled product to manufacturer via the vendor representative.

The Point Of Contact for this Vendor Recall notice is CW3 Melinda Strother, Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-HS. VOICE, DSN: 444-7746/2911, Commercial (215) 737-7746/2911, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526.