

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 031-2003: Various Jerky Products

Date Issued: October 3, 2003

Recall Notification Level: Retail

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

PRODUCTS RECALLED: Old Santa Fe Beef Jerky, in Original, Peppered, Red Chili and Green Chili flavors; Route 66 General Store Jerky in Original, Peppered, Red Chili, and Green Chili Flavors.

PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES: Produced from May 1, 2003 through September 25, 2003. The products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST. 13343" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The products subject to recall are:

These products are packaged in 1 to 8 oz. plastic bags.

1. "GENERAL STORE, ALL NATURAL, ROUTE 66, Beef Jerky, Peppered, Land of Enchantment."
2. "GENERAL STORE, ALL NATURAL, ROUTE 66, Beef Jerky, Green Chile, Land of Enchantment."
3. "GENERAL STORE, ALL NATURAL, ROUTE 66, Beef Jerky, Red Chile, Land of Enchantment."
4. "GENERAL STORE, ALL NATURAL, ROUTE 66, Beef Jerky, Regular, Land of Enchantment."

These products are packaged in 1 to 16 oz. plastic bags.

1. "A Taste of New Mexico, Old Santa Fe Trail, BEEF JERKY, NO PRESERVATIVES, Green Chili."
2. "A Taste of New Mexico, Old Santa Fe Trail, BEEF JERKY, NO PRESERVATIVES, Red Chili."
3. "A Taste of New Mexico, Old Santa Fe Trail, BEEF JERKY, NO PRESERVATIVES, Peppered."* "A Taste of New Mexico, Old Santa Fe Trail, BEEF JERKY, NO PRESERVATIVES, Original."

PROBLEM/REASON FOR RECALL: Product may be contaminated with Salmonella Sp.

HOW/WHEN DISCOVERED: Epidemiological case studies suggest that the recalled product may be linked to several Salmonellosis illnesses in New Mexico. The New Mexico Public Health Department reported Salmonellosis illnesses due to the consumption of beef jerky. As a result, the Food Safety and Inspection Service, FSIS, investigated Old Santa Fe Trail operations and products and found possible links to the Salmonellosis in the firm's beef jerky processing. FSIS is continuing its investigation.

FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT: 13343M

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Albuquerque, NM 87108

CONSUMER CONTACT: Angela Postlethwait, Assistant Manager,
505-255-7950

MEDIA CONTACT: Robert Bernstein, Attorney-at-Law, 505-269-3999

QUANTITY RECALLED: Approximately 22,000 pounds

DISTRIBUTION: The beef jerky was distributed to retail stores and through mail orders nationwide. In addition, consumers may have purchased these products from a vendor at the New Mexico State Fair.

RECALL CLASSIFICATION: Class I

RECALL NOTIFICATION LEVEL: Retail

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: New Mexico Health Department

FSIS CONTACTS: FSIS Recall Coordinator: (303) 497-5411

Consumer Inquiries: 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854); TTY, 1-800-256-7072

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: October 02, 2003

RECALL CASE NUMBER: 051-2003

DSCP INSTRUCTIONS :

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

(2) Return product involved in recall to manufacturer via the vendor representative.

The Point Of Contact for this DSCP 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.

Very Respectfully,
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