

Ladies and Gentlemen

Consider this message a "Heads Up" notice. If warranted, the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP) will initiate an ALFOODACT. FYI, I've pasted a copy of the Food Safety And Inspection Service (FSIS) Recall Notification Report below:

SUBJECT: DSCP Vendor Recall Number 012-2004: Frozen Ground Beef Patties, *E. coli* O157:H7

DSCP Issue Date: August 4, 2004

RECALL NOTIFICATION REPORT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

PRODUCTS RECALLED: Frozen Ground Beef Patties

PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES: Produced June 21, 2004

The products subject to recall include:

*Six-pound bags of "NORTHERN PLAINS BEEF SIRLOIN AND BEEF PATTIES" with a packaging code 17304. The products subject to recall are also marked with "Best by 12/18/04."

*Ten-pound boxes of "NORTHERN PLAINS GOURMET BEEF PATTIES" with a packaging code 17304. The products subject to recall are also marked with "Best by 12/18/04."

*Eight and ten-pound boxes and chubs of "FINE GROUND BEEF 91/09" marked with "Sell/Freeze By 07/10/04" or "SELL BY FREEZE BY 04 JUL 10."

*Seven-pound boxes of "SEASONED BEEF PATTIES (MISFORMED)" with a packaging code 17304. The products subject to recall are also marked with "Best by 12/18/04."

All of the products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST. 245P" inside the USDA mark of inspection.

PROBLEM/REASON FOR RECALL: The recall was prompted by epidemiological evidence related to illnesses linked to consumption of a product

produced by this establishment on June 21, 2004. FSIS continues to work with state and federal partners on this investigation.

HOW/WHEN DISCOVERED: Minnesota Departments of Health and Agriculture investigated several illnesses and contacted USDA.

FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT: 00245P M

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MEDIA CONTACT: John Schaller, Div. V.P. of Operations, 1-405-603-7936

QUANTITY RECALLED: Approximately 497,000 pounds

DISTRIBUTION: Nationwide

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: Minnesota Department of Health and
Minnesota Department of Agriculture

FSIS CONTACTS:

FSIS Recall Coordinator: (515) 727-8960

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: August 03, 2004

RECALL CASE NUMBER: 030-2004

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 by way of the vendor representative.

The Point Of Contact for this Vendor Recall notice is [CW3 Melinda Strother](#), Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-HS. VOICE, DSN: 444-7746/8461, Commercial (215) 737-7746/8461, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526,or Commercial, (215) 737-7526.

*Very Respectfully,
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