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Please review the following message from Alan Talarsky, Environmental Scientist 1, Public Health and Food Protection Program, NJDOH regarding the following Class 1 Recalls issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration:

1. **Smokehouse Pet Products**, Inc. of Sun Valley, CA is recalling all sizes and package types of dog treats labeled as "**Beefy Munchies**," because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. Salmonella can affect animals eating the products and there is risk to humans from handling contaminated pet products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products or any surfaces exposed to these products.

Healthy people infected with Salmonella should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Rarely, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments, including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.

Pets with Salmonella infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.

"Beefy Munchies" was distributed nationwide through distributors selling to various retailers.

The product comes in individual bags, resealable bags and plastic tubs. The plastic tub will be labeled "Beefy Bites." All sizes and packaging types will include a UPC code, lot number, and a best used by date of stamped on the back.

The current recall is expanded to include all "Beefy Munchies."

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The potential for contamination was noted after routine sampling and testing by the Colorado Department of Agriculture revealed the presence of Salmonella in two 4-oz packages of "Beefy Munchies."

Any consumers who have purchased "Beefy Munchies" should discontinue use of the product and may return the unused portion to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Smokehouse Pet Products, Inc. at 1-877-699-7387, Monday through Friday 7am-3:30pm PST.

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2. **Pilgrim's Pride Corp.**, a Waco, Texas establishment, is recalling approximately 101,310 pounds of ready-to-eat **breaded chicken patties** that may be contaminated with extraneous materials, specifically rubber, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced.

The ready-to-eat breaded chicken patties were produced and packed on Sept. 6, 2017. The following products are subject to recall:

30-lb. boxes with six 5-lb. clear bags containing "GOLD KIST FARMS, Fully Cooked Whole Grain Home-Style Breaded Chicken Patties," with a case code of 72491050xx and a product code of 665400.

The products subject to recall bear establishment number "P-20728" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to institutions nationwide.

The problem was discovered after the firm received a customer complaint on Feb. 13, 2018. Pilgrim's Pride distributed the product to institutions, including schools. Although the product was sold through the USDA commodity program, the introduction of the foreign material was due to an equipment failure at the facility.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a healthcare provider.

Customers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on the FSIS website at [www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls).

Consumers with questions about the recall can contact James Brown, consumer relations manager at Pilgrim's Pride Corp., at 1-800-321-1470. Media with questions about the recall can contact Cameron Bruett, head of media relations at Pilgrim's Pride Corp., at (970) 506-7801.

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No action is required of local health departments at this time for either of these recalls. If any requests for assistance are received from either USDA or FDA, the Public Health and Food Protection Program will contact you. For additional information regarding warnings and recalls, please click on the weblink below.

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