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Attachments: None

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. SMI Holdings, Inc., doing business as Stampede Meat, Inc., a Bridgeview, Ill. establishment, is recalling approximately 484,800 pounds of beef products that may be contaminated with Salmonella, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced. The raw beef products incorporated a non-meat ingredient, Au Jus Seasoning, which tested positive for the presence of Salmonella.

The frozen raw beef top sirloin steak items were produced on various dates from Feb. 19, 2018 through March 14, 2018. The following products are subject to recall:

.Cases containing 64 6-oz. vacuum-packed packages of "USDA SELECT OR HIGHER BONELESS BEEF TOP SIRLOIN STEAKS," (item #5404) with lot codes ranging from 05018 to 07318 (inclusive) and "Best By" dates from Feb. 19, 2019 to Mar. 14, 2019 (inclusive).

.Cases containing 64 8-oz. vacuum-packed packages of "USDA SELECT OR HIGHER BONELESS BEEF TOP SIRLOIN STEAKS," (item #5419) with lot codes ranging from 05018 to 07318 (inclusive) and "Best By" dates from Feb. 19, 2019 to Mar. 14, 2019 (inclusive).

The products subject to recall bear establishment number "EST. 19113" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to distributors, which then distributed the products to restaurant locations nationwide.

The problem was discovered when Stampede Meat, Inc. was notified by their supplier of a voluntary seasoning recall based on Salmonella contamination. Stampede Meat, Inc. uses this seasoning product to formulate marinade that is injected into the top sirloin steaks. There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products.

Consumption of food contaminated with Salmonella can cause salmonellosis, one of the most common bacterial foodborne illnesses. The most common symptoms of salmonellosis are diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and fever within 12 to 72 hours after

eating the contaminated product. The illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days. Most people recover without treatment. In some persons, however, the diarrhea may be so severe that the patient needs to be hospitalized. Older adults, infants, and persons with weakened immune systems are more likely to develop a severe illness. Individuals concerned about an illness should contact their health care provider.

The products were shipped to restaurants frozen. These restaurants cook and prepare the product for consumers, who may take the product home as leftovers. FSIS is concerned that some product may be in consumers' refrigerators. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away.

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 lists will be posted on the FSIS website at [www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls).

Consumers with questions regarding the recall can contact Adam Miller, Vice President of Food Safety and Quality Assurance, Stampede Meat, Inc., at (800) 401-8317. Members of the media with questions regarding the recall can contact Brock Furlong, President and CEO, Stampede Meat, Inc., at (800) 262-0397.

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## 2. Bayer is voluntarily recalling Alka-Seltzer Plus® packages that:

.Were sold only in the U.S. at Walmart, CVS, Walgreens and Kroger (including Dillons Food Stores, Fred Meyer, Fry's Food Stores, Ralphs, King Soopers and Smith's Food and Drug) after February 9, 2018.

.Can be identified by checking the Bayer logo located on the lower left corner of the front of the carton. If the logo has an orange or green background, the product is included in the recall (please see attached photos).

The affected packages are being recalled because the ingredients on the front sticker may not match the actual product in the carton.

The ingredients listed on the front sticker of the carton may potentially be different from the ingredients listed on the back of the carton. This may lead consumers to ingest a product to which they may have an allergy or anaphylactic reaction, an ingredient which may be contraindicated for their medical condition or they intend to otherwise avoid. There may be potential for serious health consequences. To date, no complaint has been received that resulted in an adverse health consequence.

The Alka-Seltzer Plus products subject to the recall are intended to temporarily relieve symptoms associated with cold and flu, such as cough, congestion, fever and/or mucus.

Bayer is notifying retailers electronically and by certified mail and is arranging for return of all recalled product.

Consumers who purchased packages of Alka-Seltzer Plus that are being recalled should stop using the product and contact Bayer with questions, to report any issues experienced or for instructions about how to receive a refund.

Consumers with questions about this recall can contact Bayer Consumer Relations at: 1-800-986-0369 (available Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET). Consumers should contact their physician or healthcare provider if they have experienced any problems that may be related to taking or using this drug product.

Consumers may also report adverse reactions or quality problems experienced with the use of this product to the FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program either online, by regular mail or by fax.

.Complete and submit the report Online: [www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm)  
.Regular Mail or Fax: Download form [www.fda.gov/medwatch/getforms.htm](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/getforms.htm) or call 1-800-332-1088 to request a reporting form, then complete and return to the address on the pre-addressed form, or submit by fax to 1-800-FDA-0178

The recall is being conducted with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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3. International Harvest, Inc of Mount Vernon, NY is recalling 14,620 lbs. of bulk and 24,270 bags of Organic Go Smile! Raw Coconut, because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella

The product was distributed to customers via online retailers, retail stores, and distributors. Product was directly distributed to the following states: NY, NJ, CT, CA, CO, OK, GA, VT, IL, FL, ME, WA, NH, and UT.

Recalled products are as follows:

Retail: International Harvest Brand Organic Go Smile! Dried Coconut Raw, in a 9oz poly/plastic bag, UPC: 7 39446 40220 7, with the following "Sell by Dates" on the back of the bag: 010118, 020118, 030118, 040118, 050118,060118, 070118, 080118, 090118, 100118, 110118, 120118, 010119, 020119, 030119.

Bulk: Go Smiles Dried Coconut Raw in a 25-bulk case labeled with the following batch/Lot #'s: OCSM-0010, OCSM-0011, Lot# OCSM-0014.

This recall is being initiated as a result of FDA's laboratory analysis, which identified Salmonella in the product. The company is working in cooperation with FDA to

determine the root cause of the problem.

Retailers that have sold bulk product should clean and sanitize the containers used to hold this product. Consumers who have purchased the product are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 914-699-5600 Monday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm.

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No action is required of local health departments at this time for any 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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For all recalls - <http://www.recalls.gov/recent.html>