

ALFOODACT

or Food Advisory: DSCP Vendor Recall 005-2003, FSIS Recall # 015-2003: Beans with Chorizo, Illegal Importation

REGION: ALL

UNIT: ALL

Comments:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Consider this message a "Heads Up" notice. At this time we cannot exclude the DOD as a customer of products associated with subject recall. We are currently investigating to determine the extent and location of product under recall. If, during our investigation we find that the product is in our DOD supply channels, we will issue an ALFOODACT accordingly. FYI, I've pasted a copy of the Recall Notification Report below:

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

PRODUCTS RECALLED: La Sierra Authentica Cocina Mexicana Refried Beans with Chorizo

PRODUCTION DATES: All production dates involved.

PROBLEM/REASON FOR RECALL: A term representing meat (chorizo) is used in the product name on the label without appropriate qualification and a meat food product (chorizo) is featured prominently in the vignette on the product label. That makes the product amenable to USDA jurisdiction. The chorizo (sausage) added to this product was prepared at a Mexican establishment, TIF 298 that is not authorized to export to the United States.

HOW/WHEN DISCOVERED: FSIS Compliance Investigation Division (CID) investigation.

FEDERAL ESTABLISHMEN: Vilore Foods Co., Inc.
8220 San Lorenzo
Laredo, TX 78045

CONSUMER CONTACT: Jose Luis Murillo, Jr., Operations Manger, 956-726-3633

MEDIA CONTACT: Jose Luis Murillo, Jr., Operations Manger, 956-726-3633

QUANTITY RECALLED: Undetermined

DISTRIBUTION: Nationwide

RECALL CLASSIFICATION: Class II

RECALL NOTIFICATION LEVEL: User

PRESS RELEASE: Yes

DIRECT NOTIFICATION MEANS: The firm has notified its customers orally and in writing.

FSIS FOLLOWUP ACTIVITIES: Effectiveness checks by the FSIS, Field Operations.

OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED: None

FSIS CONTACTS:

FSIS Recall Coordinator: 214-767-9116

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: March 31, 2003

RECALL CASE NUMBER: 015-2003