

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP) Consumer Safety Office (CSO) is releasing the following notice. If warranted, the CSO will initiate an ALFOODACT.

SUBJECT: DSCP Alert 004-2007, Washington Firm Recalls Ground Beef for Possible *E. coli* O157:H7 Contamination

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FSIS-RC-014-2007

CLASS I RECALL

Washington Firm Recalls Ground Beef for Possible *E. coli* O157:H7 Contamination

WASHINGTON, March 2, 2007 - Tyson Fresh Meats, a Wallula, Wash., firm, is voluntarily recalling approximately 16,743 pounds of ground beef that may be contaminated with *E. coli* O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced today.

The products subject to recall include:

60-pound boxes containing six 10-pound chubs of "ROUND, COARSE GROUND BEEF, 85/15." The box end also bears a label with the establishment number "Est. 9268" as well as a "BEST BEFORE OR FROZEN BY" date of "03/08/07" and packaging date "02/16/07."

The problem was discovered through routine FSIS microbiological sampling at another federally inspected establishment. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products.

The ground beef was produced on Feb. 16, 2007 and was sent to distributors in Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

E. coli O157:H7 is a potentially deadly bacterium that can cause bloody diarrhea and dehydration. The very young, seniors and persons with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible to food borne illness.

Consumers with questions about the recall should contact the company Consumer Hotline at (800) 233-6332, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Central Standard Time. Media with questions about the recall should contact company Director of Media Relations Gary Mickelson at (479) 290-6111.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Food_Safety_Education/Ask_Karen/. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.



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 through the appropriate distribution channels.
- (3) Report positive findings to the Consumer Safety Officer at Ramona.Martin@dla.mil.
- (4) Unless otherwise specified above, **NEGATIVE RESPONSES** directly to DSCP are **NOT** required.
- (5) When corresponding with DSCP concerning this message please include this message's subject in your subject line.
- (6) The Point Of Contact for this Recall notice is CW4 Ramona Martin, Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2905. Commercial (215) 737-2905, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526.

Any individual or office that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to Ramona.Martin@dla.mil.

Previous recalls and frequently asked questions are available at the following web site:

<http://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/proserv/alfod/afamess.htm>

The navigation tool to the left allows you to view DSCP Alerts and Archived Vendor Recalls also.

Very Respectfully,

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