

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 033-2010 Valley Meat Company Recalls Frozen Ground Beef Products Due To Possible E. Coli O157: H7 Contamination.

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1. REFERENCES:

a. DLAR 4155.26/AR 40-660/NAVSUPINST 10110.8c/AFI 48-116/MCO 10110.38c, DOD Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System.

b. Allied Communications Publication 121, US SUPP-1 (f).

2. BACKGROUND: Valley Meat Company, a Modesto, Calif. establishment, is recalling approximately one million pounds of frozen ground beef patties and bulk ground beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7. FSIS became aware of the problem on July 15 when the agency was notified by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) of a small E. coli O157:H7 cluster of illnesses with a rare strain as determined by PFGE subtyping. Six patients with illness onset dates between April 8 and June 18, 2010 were reported at that time. After further review, CDPH added another patient from February to the case count, bringing the count to seven. The recall extends only to the products listed below that were produced between October 2, 2009 and January 12, 2010 and were sold in California, Texas, Oregon, Arizona and internationally.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

All products subject to the recall bear the establishment number "EST. 8268" inside the USDA mark of inspection as well as a five-digit code that signifies the date they were produced. The affected 2009 products will carry a number between 275 and 365 before the "09" ending. The affected 2010 products will carry a number between 001 and 012 before the "10" ending.

(#2155) *IQF* 80/20% BEEF PATTIES 8/1R
(#2503) SMASHBURGER 40/7 OZ. - VAC PACK
(#2510) IQF 80/20% BEEF PATTIES 2/1 OVAL
(#2515) *IQF* 80/20% BEEF PATTIES 2/1 R
(#2535) IQF 80/20% BEEF PATTIES 3/1 OVAL
(#2545) IQF 80/20% BEEF PATTIES 3/1R
(#2575) *IQF* 80/20% BEEF PATTIES 4/1R
(#2595) IQF - 80/20% PATTIES 4/1R THIN
(#2605) *IQF* 80/20% BEEF PATTIES 5/1R
(#2635) *IQF* 80/20% BEEF PATTIES 6/1R
(#2668) BEEF CHUCK PATTIES 7 OZ- 21#
(#3075) *IQF* 85/15% PATTIES 4/1R USFI
(#3090) 'RPQ' 85/15 PATTIES 160/4 OZ.
(#3325) "RPQ" 90/10 BEEF PATTIES 40/4 OZ
(#3350) 90/10% BEEF PATTIES 160/4 OZ.
(#3450) SUPREMAS BEEF PATTIES 12/3#
(#3519) *IQF* 4/1 SOY PATTIES 80/20%
(#3520) *IQF* 5/1 SOY PATTIES 80/20%
(#3522) *IQF* 6/1 SOY PATTIES 80/20%
(#3675) BEEF SOY PATTIES RETAIL 6/5#

(#3700) 73/27% RETAIL PATTIES - 12/3#
 (#3705) 73/27% RETAIL PATTIES - 6/5#
 (#3710) 73/27% RETAIL PATTIES - 8/3#
 (#3715) BIGGER VALLEY BURGER - 6/5#
 (#3725) 80/20 BIGGER BURGER 12/3#
 (#3751) 80/20% RETAIL PATTIES 12/3#
 (#3800) 85/15% RETAIL PATTIES - 12/3#
 (#3850) BLACK ANGUS BURGER 12/2# BOX
 (#3875) 93/7% BEEF PATTIES 12/3# RETAIL
 (#3880) SAFEWAY 73/27 RETAIL BOXES 8#
 (#3882) SAFEWAY 73/27 PATTIES 12/2.5#
 (#3883) SAFEWAY 80/20 PATTIES 12/2.5#
 (#4000) 73/27% GROUND BEEF 10/1#
 (#4001) 73/27% GROUND BEEF 20/2#
 (#4005) 73/27% GROUND BEEF - 40/1#
 (#4015) 73/27% GROUND BEEF 4/5#
 (#4020) 73/27% GROUND BEEF - 8/5#
 (#4030) 73/27% GROUND BEEF 4/10#
 (#4035) 73/27% GROUND BEEF 15/3#
 (#4300) 80/20% GROUND BEEF 10/1#
 (#4305) 80/20% GROUND BEEF - 40/1#
 (#4310) 80/20% GROUND BEEF 4/5#
 (#4315) 80/20% GROUND BEEF 8/5#
 (#4325) 80/20% GROUND BEEF - 4/10#
 (#4326) *FRESH** 80/20% GROUND BEEF 4/10#
 (#4328) 80/20 GROUND BEEF 4/10# WHITE BOX
 (#4329) 'RPQ' 80/20% GROUND BEEF 4/10#
 (#4335) 80/20% GROUND BEEF 2/5# - PRINTED
 (#4610) 85/15% GROUND BEEF 4/5#
 (#4615) 85/15% GROUND BEEF 8/5#
 (#4625) "RPQ" 85/15% GROUND BEEF 4/10#
 (#4630) 85/15% G B 4/10# CLEAR-generic (#4915) 90/10% GROUND BEEF - 8/5#
 (#4925) 90/10% GROUND BEEF 4/10# / WHITE
 (#4930) 90/10% G B 4/10# / CLEAR-generic
 (#4980) 93/7% GROUND BEEF 4/10#
 (2714) HEARST 80/20 PATTIES 5/1R -10#
 (2715) HEARST GROUND BEEF 12/1# RETAIL

The products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST. 8268" inside the USDA mark of inspection as well as a production code of 25709 through 01210. These products were produced between the dates of Oct. 2, 2009 through Jan. 12, 2010 and were distributed to retail outlets and institutional foodservice providers in California, Texas, Oregon, Arizona and internationally. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on FSIS' website at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/Open_Federal_Cases/index.asp.

4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

Valley Meat Company
 217 Daly Avenue

Modesto, CA 95354

<http://www.valleymeat.com/our-team/recall-information/>

5. DISTRIBUTION: Worldwide; believed to have been exported to US Forces Korea prime vendor.
6. REASON FOR ACTION: Possible E. Coli O157: H7 Contamination
7. INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:
 - a. Immediately inventory stocks to identify the above items and secure in a "Medical Hold" status to provide assurance of no further issue/sale/use. POSITIVE FINDINGS should be reported to Accountable Officers/Vendor Representatives of that facility. Accountable Officer/Agency representatives/Buyers/Contracting Officers should seek refund/credit/replacement through the normal distribution channel with which the product was received (i.e. Distribution Centers, Prime Vendors, or Manufacturers).
 - b. Ships at sea are authorized to destroy or dispose of recalled products at their discretion. Documentation for the number of pounds and cases, and any additional pertinent information must be signed by the Accountable Officer and is required for the purpose of recouping to the government the cost of the product involved. In order to get credit please use a SF 364 and forward to your supporting FISC and copy furnished to NAVSUP 51. Your supporting FISC should forward to the account manager at DLA Troop Support. The form should include the number of the recall authorizing the survey action. Home ported ships/galleys will utilize DD form 1149 to transfer w/ reimbursement to the PV. The PV will submit credit invoice to the account manager at DLA Troop Support.
 - c. DLA Troop Support Subsistence Prime Vendors must report POSITIVE and NEGATIVE RESPONSES directly to the their DLA Troop Support Contracting Officer with a courtesy copy to the Consumer Safety Officer (dscpconssafofc@dla.mil).
 - d. DeCA, AAFES, MWR, VA, MCCS, or other non-DLA Troop Support agencies SHOULD NOT respond to the DLA Troop Support Consumer Safety Officer. These agencies should report POSITIVE and NEGATIVE responses in accordance with their agency recall policies.
 - e. When corresponding with DLA Troop Support concerning this message please include this message's subject in your subject line.
8. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is CW3 Porter C. Burnett, Consumer Safety Officer at DSCP-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2922, Commercial (215) 737-2922, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526, email dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.
9. Individuals or groups that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to dscpconssafofc@dla.mil, with "add to list" in the subject line. To be removed from the list place "remove from list" in the subject line.

10. Previous recalls and frequently asked questions are available at the following web site: <https://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/fso/alfood/alfood.asp>. The navigation tool to the left allows you to also view DLA Troop Support Alerts and Archived Vendor Recalls.

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