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**DATE:** March 26, 2015

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

**FROM:**   
Laurie Kidwell, RRT Supervisor  
Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** BLUE BELL ICE CREAM - RECALL [Food]

**AFFECTED PRODUCT:** Blue Bell Ice Cream Cups 3 oz. Institutional/Food Service Ice Cream Cups (Chocolate, Strawberry, Banana)

**SUMMARY:** Unclassified Recall; March 23, 2015 —Blue Bell Ice Cream of Brenham, Texas, is recalling three 3 oz. institutional/food service ice cream cups- chocolate, strawberry and vanilla with tab lids because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. On March 22, the Kansas Department of Health & Environment reported one positive test for *Listeria monocytogenes* on a chocolate institutional/food service cup recovered from a hospital in Wichita, Kan. This cup was produced in the Broken Arrow, Okla., plant on April 15, 2014. These cups are not sold thru retail outlets such as convenience stores and supermarkets.

The Implicated product and lots include:

- Ice Cream Cup Chocolate (3 FL OZ) No UPC - SKU #453
- Ice Cream Cup Strawberry (3 FL OZ) No UPC - SKU #452
- Ice Cream Cup Vanilla (3 FL OZ) No UPC - SKU #451

The ice cream cups listed below were distributed in Indiana, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wyoming via food service accounts.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Consumers who have purchased these items are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. For more information consumers with questions may call 979-836-7977, Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. CST. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-3213.

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*Blue Bell Ice Cream Recalls 3 oz. Institutional/Food Service Ice Cream Cups – Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla (Tab Lid) – Because of Possible Health Risk*

**Contact:**

Consumer:  
979-836-7977

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** — March 23, 2015 — Blue Bell Ice Cream of Brenham, Texas, is recalling three 3 oz. institutional/food service ice cream cups- chocolate, strawberry and vanilla with tab lids because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

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There have been no reported illnesses to date.

This recall in no way includes Blue Bell Ice Cream half gallons, pints, quarts, 3 gallons or other 3 oz. cups.

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