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Department of Health**  
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**DATE:** January 15, 2014

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

**FROM:** *A. Scott Gilliam*  
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**SUBJECT:** Paskesz Candy Company [Food]

**AFFECTED  
PRODUCT:** Premium Belgian Chocolate Coins Hologram .5 oz bags.

**SUMMARY:** Unclassified Recall; It was discovered that the milk-containing product was distributed in packaging that did not list the presence of milk. People who have allergies to milk run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reactions if they consume these products. Out of caution all production codes are being recalled. The product is sold in mesh bags of .5 oz. There are 24 bags in a box.

The recalled "Coins" were distributed nationwide in retail stores between October 2012 and December 2013.

**SUGGESTED  
ACTION:** Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers who have purchased these .5 ounce packages of "Paskesz Chocolate Pareve Hologram Coins" are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-800-PASKESO between the hours of 9AM and 4PM Monday through Thursday and on Friday until 12 pm EST. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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**Recall -- Firm Press Release**

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.



## **Paskesz Candy Company Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk in Premium Belgian Chocolate Coins**

### **Contact:**

Consumer:

1-800-PASKESo

1-800-727-5370

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - January 14, 2013 - Paskesz Candy Company, Brooklyn, New York is recalling its Premium Belgian Chocolate Coins Hologram .5 oz bags because they may contain traces of milk.

People who have allergies to milk run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products. To date one parent has reported that her child took ill after eating one of these coins with the production code P233. Subsequent testing of a sample by the FDA showed that the coin contained .000041 parts of milk (41 parts per million). Out of caution we are recalling all production codes.

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**This does not affect the product's "KOSHER PAREVE" status.**

The recall was initiated after it was discovered that the milk-containing product was distributed in packaging that did not list the presence of milk. Sale and distribution of the chocolate coins have been suspended until FDA and the company are certain that the problem has been corrected.

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