



DATE: November 3, 2009

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

FROM: ^{ASG} A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Charleston Cookie Company Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Cookies contain undeclared butter (milk); Information provided in case of consumer inquiry.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. The product bears no code or UPC but was distributed to Dean & DeLuca in August 2009 for sale in their catalog and online. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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.

Charleston Cookie Company Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Butter in Almond Cookies Produced for Dean & DeLuca

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – November 3, 2009 – Charleston Cookie Company of Charleston, SC is recalling packages of Almond Cookies which were sold as a component of the Dean and DeLuca "Americana" cookie tin because the cookies contain undeclared butter (milk).

People who have allergies to milk products run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products.

The recalled Almond Cookies were distributed to Dean & DeLuca for resale as part of their "Americana Cookie" collection. The product comes in a 6 ounce, clear plastic package sold with 5 other flavors of cookies in a 36 oz. silver tin. The product bears no code or UPC but was distributed to Dean & DeLuca in August 2009 for sale in their catalog and online.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The recall was initiated after it was discovered that the milk-containing product was distributed in packaging that did not indicate the presence of butter (milk). Investigation indicates that the problem was caused by a temporary breakdown in the company's packaging process. The situation has been rectified by production of a new label with a complete ingredients listing.

Consumers who have purchased the product are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Charleston Cookie Company at 843-762-4185. Business hours are Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

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Photos: Product Labels