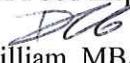




Michael R. Pence
Governor

William C. VanNess II, MD
State Health Commissioner

DATE: April 11, 2013
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: 
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Formosa Food Company, Inc. Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Class II Recall; Approximately 1,133 pounds of a pork jerky product because of misbranding and an undeclared allergen, wheat, which is not declared on the label; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the product being recalled may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. The product was distributed via Internet and direct sales nationwide. Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-8475.

Iowa Firm Recalls Pork Jerky Product Due to Misbranding and Undeclared Allergen

Recall Release
FSIS-RC-027-2013

**CLASS II RECALL
HEALTH RISK: LOW**

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WASHINGTON, April 10, 2013 –Formosa Food Company, Inc., a Hull, Iowa, establishment is recalling approximately 1,133 pounds of a pork jerky product because of misbranding and an undeclared allergen, wheat, which is not declared on the label.

The following products are subject to recall: [Label]

- 16-oz. individual packages of "Formosa Brand Pork Szu (Cooked Seasoned Dried Pork Product)"

The product bears the establishment number "EST. 2446" inside the USDA mark of inspection on the label. The product was produced on various dates through Nov. 29, 2012. There is no expiration date on the product. The product was distributed via Internet and direct sales

nationwide.

The problem was discovered by FSIS personnel during a label review. Wheat is a sub-ingredient in the soy sauce used to make the product and is not listed on the final label. FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of this product. Anyone concerned about a reaction should contact a healthcare provider.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact Plant Supervisor Jennifer Shih at (712) 439-1065.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov or via smartphone at m.askkaren.gov. "Ask Karen" live chat services are available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. 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. For information on how to report a problem with a meat, poultry or processed egg product to FSIS at any time, visit www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/Problems_With_Food_Products.

Labels

