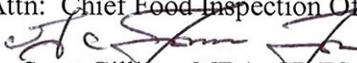




DATE: July 25, 2011

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

FROM: 
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Jetro Cash and Carry Enterprises LLC/R.D. Food Services LP Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Class I Recall; Approximately 2,900 pounds of diced bacon products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. The products were shipped to distribution centers in Fla., Ill., Ind., Mich., and Ohio for further distribution to food service institutions. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

New York Importer Recalls Bacon Products for Possible *Listeria* Contamination

Recall Release
FSIS-RC-055-2011

CLASS I RECALL
HEALTH RISK: HIGH

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WASHINGTON, July 22, 2011-- Jetro Cash and Carry Enterprises LLC/R.D. Food Services LP, an importer from New York, is recalling approximately 2,900 pounds of diced bacon products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

Through routine testing on July 19, 2011, FSIS found a sample of cooked diced bacon imported from Canadian EST No. 169A, Aliments Prince, S.E.C. to be positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*. The initial product represented by that sample is on hold, but the Canadian Food Inspection Agency notified FSIS that additional product represented by the positive sample had been shipped to the United States. FSIS and the company have received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products.

The following products are subject to recall:

- 10 lb. shipping container with 2, 5 lb. bags boxes containing 2 5-lb bags of "Assoluti Cooked Diced Bacon"

The "Assoluti Cooked Diced Bacon" has a case code of 1173 and EST No. 169A. It bears the Canadian mark of inspection and a Certification Number of 406515, 406516, or 406562. The products were shipped to distribution centers in Fla., Ill., Ind., Mich., and Ohio for further distribution to food service institutions.

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.

Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis. However, listeriosis can cause high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea. Listeriosis can also cause miscarriages and stillbirths, as well as serious and sometimes fatal infections in those with weakened immune systems, such as infants, the elderly and persons with HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy. Individuals concerned about an illness should contact a health care provider.

Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact the company's representative, Walter Tadera, at (718) 915 7221.

Consumers with questions about the recall should contact the company's representative, Cheri Schneider, at (800) 321-1470. Members of the media with questions about the recall should contact the company's Vice President of Corporate Communications, Gary Rhodes, at (903) 434-1495.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. 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.

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