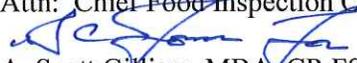




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Gregory N. Larkin, M.D., F.A.A.F.P.
State Health Commissioner

DATE: September 13, 2012
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: 
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Spartan Stores Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Certain deli products due to concerns of possible Listeria Monocytogenes contact; Information Provided in case of consumer inquiry.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the neighboring State of Michigan. The deli products were distributed to Family Fare, D&W Fresh Markets, Glen's, VG's and a limited number of independent supermarkets in Michigan.

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.

Spartan Stores Voluntarily Recalled Deli Products Due to Possible Health Risks

Contact:
Consumer:
1-800-451-8500

Media:
Jeanne Norcross
616-878-2830

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - September 12, 2012 - Spartan Stores is initiating a precautionary recall of certain deli products due to concerns of possible *Listeria Monocytogenes* contact. This recall is precautionary and is being initiated to ensure the highest degree of confidence to our customers. *Listeria monocytogenes* is 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.

No products have been identified as coming into contact with the *Listeria monocytogenes* organism.

The deli products were distributed to Family Fare, D&W Fresh Markets, Glen's, VG's and a limited number of independent supermarkets in Michigan. Spartan Stores has received **no reports of illness associated with the consumption of these products**. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact their healthcare provider immediately. All of the products involved in the recall should be discarded or returned for a full refund.

For a specific list of items go to Spartan's retail websites listed below or the courtesy desks at each store.

Family Fare – <http://familyfare.spartanstores.com/recalls>¹

D&W Fresh Markets - <http://dwfm.spartanstores.com/recalls>²

Glen's – <http://glens.spartanstores.com/recalls>³

VG's – <http://vgs.spartanstores.com/recalls>⁴

Independent supermarkets - <http://t2s.spartanstores.com/spartan-brands/recalls>⁵

This recall is the result of a routine surface swabbing conducted by the FDA which resulted in positive samples of *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Consumers with questions about the recall may contact Spartan Stores' Consumer Affairs at 1-800-451-8500 from 8 am to 5 pm EST.

About Spartan Stores

Grand Rapids, Michigan-based Spartan Stores, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPTN) is the nation's tenth largest grocery distributor with 1.4 million square feet of warehouse, distribution, and office space located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Company distributes more than 40,000 private and national brand products to approximately 375 independent grocery locations in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, and to 97 corporate owned stores located in Michigan, including Family Fare Supermarkets, Glen's Markets, D&W Fresh Markets, VG's Food and Pharmacy, and Valu Land.

Voluntarily Recalled Deli Products⁶

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[RSS Feed for FDA Recalls Information](#)⁷ [[what's this?](#)⁸]

[Photo: Product Labels](#)⁹