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Two illnesses in Illinois tied to ground beef recall

The Kane County Health Department is advising that American Foods Group, LLC, a Green Bay, Wis., firm, is voluntarily recalling approximately 95,927 pounds of various coarse and fine ground beef products because they may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7.

Two cases of E. coli O157:H7 from the same household in Effingham County had consumed ground beef during their incubation period and had ground beef purchased at the same time in their freezer. Ground beef from their freezer tested positive for E. coli O157:H7, which is pending pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE). An investigation was conducted by the Illinois Department of Public Health and based on the results of E. coli O157:H7 testing, the firm voluntarily recalled various ground beef products.

“The very young, seniors and persons with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible to foodborne illness,” Health Department Executive Director Paul Kuehnert said. “Consumers are urged to look in their freezers for these products and return or discard them if found.”

This company does not distribute directly to retail establishments in Illinois, but ground beef sold by this company may eventually be sold to grocery stores in Illinois.

The following products are subject to recall:

- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF, FINE GROUND 73/27.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “65000.”
- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF, FINE GROUND 75/25.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “65800.”

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- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF SIRLOIN, FINE GROUND 90/10.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “66000.”
- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF, FINE GROUND 80/20.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “66400.”
- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF, FINE GROUND 75/25.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “19900.”
- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF, FINE GROUND 73/27.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “20100.”
- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF CHUCK, FINE GROUND 82/18.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “20600.”
- Bulk weight packages of “CHOP BEEF STEAK, FINE GRIND 86/14.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “30000.”
- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF SIRLOIN, FINE GROUND 92/08.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “30400.”
- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF ROUND, FINE GROUND 87/13.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “30200.”
- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF, FINE GROUND 80/20.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “30700.”
- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF CHUCK, FINE GROUND 82/18.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “31400.”
- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF, FINE GROUND 93/07.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “31600.”
- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF, FINE GROUND 73/27.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “31700.”
- Bulk weight packages of “BEEF MODIFIED, FINE GROUND 93/07.” Each shipping label bears a product code of “31900.”

Each shipping label bears the establishment number “Est. 18076” inside the USDA mark of inspection.

The products subject to recall were distributed for further processing and repackaging and will not bear the recalling firm's establishment number on the package.

The ground beef products subject to recall were produced on Oct. 10, 2007, and were distributed to retail establishments and distributors in Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Virginia.

More information on the recall can be found on the United States Department of Agriculture website at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/.

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