



Sushi, Salads and Spring Rolls Recalled Due to Possible Contamination

December 4, 2019 - The Kane County Health Department is advising that Fuji Food Products, Inc. (Fuji) announced today the voluntary recall of ready to eat sushi, salads and spring rolls sold under the brand names of Okami & Trader Joes to select retailers and distributors along the East Coast and Upper Midwest. The voluntary recall is in response to a notification by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the potential for product contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

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. Fuji Food Products will continue to work closely with the authorities to investigate the issue.

To date, public health officials have not reported any illness associated with these products. The problem was discovered in their Brockton Massachusetts facility by a routine inspection conducted by the FDA. The company has ceased production and distribution of their products in this facility as FDA and the company continue their investigation as to what caused this problem. Fuji Food Products has never before recalled any of its products.

The products are packed in plastic trays with clear lids and the sell-by dates are on the labels. Consumers who have purchased any of the following products affected by this recall should dispose of the product in an appropriate waste container.

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For inquiries consumers are welcome to call the customer service line at 1-888-667-1504[®].

Product was sold and/or distributed in the following states and includes the following retailers: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington D.C., West Virginia, and Wisconsin and was sold at 7 Eleven, Walgreens, Food Lion, Hannaford, Trader Joe's, Giant Eagle Supermarkets, Porkys, Bozzutos, Supreme Lobster and Superior Foods.

A complete list of affected products and their sell-by dates is online at <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/fuji-food-products-inc-voluntarily-recalls-ready-eat-sushi-salads-and-spring-rolls-manufactured-east>

Additional information from Trader Joes is online at <https://www.traderjoes.com/announcement/recall-potential-listeria-in-certain-fresh-products>

The Kane County Health Department has an abundance of information on food safety online at KaneHealth.com/Pages/Food-Safety.aspx.

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