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Firm recalls cheese products due to possible contamination

The Kane County Health Department is advising residents that Karoun Dairies, Inc. of San Fernando, Calif., announced that it is voluntarily recalling a variety of cheeses it distributes due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Distributed nationwide, to date no product has tested positive for *Listeria*, but in view of the association with listeriosis cases Karoun Dairies Inc. is initiating a voluntary recall in the interest of protecting public health.

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.

The products are vacuum packed, in jars or in pails under the following brands; Karoun, Arz, Gopi, Queso Del Valle, Central Valley Creamery, Gopi, and Yanni. Weights vary from 5 ounces to 30 pounds.

Consumers who have purchased any of these products are urged to dispose of or return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with any questions may call toll free 1-866-272-9393 toll free, Monday – Friday 8 a.m. 6 p.m. PST