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Cheese products recalled due to possible listeria contamination

The Kane County Health Department is advising that Malone's Fine Sausage Inc., a Milwaukee, Wis., establishment, is recalling approximately 26,323 pounds of ready-to-eat pork head cheese product that may be adulterated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products.

The ready-to-eat pork head cheese items were produced on various dates from Aug. 27, 2018 through Oct. 5, 2018. The following products are subject to recall: [View Labels here (PDF only)]

- Various weights of vacuum-sealed packages containing "Glorious Malone's Fine Sausage, INC. GOURMET PORK DELICACY HOT SEASONED HEADCHEESE" with a "Sell By" dates from 10/26/2018 through 12/5/2018 and lot codes 3524 through 3540.
- Various weights of vacuum-sealed packages containing "Glorious Malone's Fine Sausage, INC. GOURMET PORK DELICACY MILD SEASONED HEADCHEESE" with a "Sell By" dates from 10/26/2018 through 12/5/2018 and lot codes 3524 through 3540.

The products subject to recall bear establishment number "EST. 15702" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to retail locations in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin and were also sold via internet catalog sales.

Consumption of food contaminated with L. monocytogenes can cause listeriosis, a serious infection that primarily affects older adults, persons with weakened immune systems, and pregnant women and their newborns. Less commonly, persons outside these risk groups are affected.

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Listeriosis can cause fever, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance and convulsions sometimes preceded by diarrhea or other gastrointestinal symptoms. An invasive infection spreads beyond the gastrointestinal tract. In pregnant women, the infection can cause miscarriages, stillbirths, premature delivery or life-threatening infection of the newborn. In addition, serious and sometimes fatal infections in older adults and persons with weakened immune systems. Listeriosis is treated with antibiotics. Persons in the higher-risk categories who experience flu-like symptoms within two months after eating contaminated food should seek medical care and tell the health care provider about eating the contaminated food.

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

Media and consumers with questions regarding the recall can contact Daphne Jones, president at Malone's Fine Sausage, at (414) 732-1820.