



DATE: August 15, 2011

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

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SUBJECT: Aliments Prince, S.E.C. Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Class I Recall; Approximately 380,000 pounds of diced bacon products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. All production dates prior to August 10, 2011, are subject to recall. The labels on the shipping containers have "EST No. 169A" and "Product of Canada." The products were shipped to distribution centers in the U.S. for further distribution to food service institutions. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Canadian Firm Recalls Bacon Products for Possible *Listeria* Contamination

Recall Release
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**CLASS I RECALL
HEALTH RISK: HIGH**

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WASHINGTON, August 12, 2011 - Aliments Prince, S.E.C., an establishment from Ontario, Canada, is recalling approximately 380,000 pounds of diced bacon products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

Through routine testing on July 19, 2011, FSIS found a sample of cooked diced bacon imported from Aliments Prince, S.E.C. to be positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*. The initial product represented by that sample was refused entry. An in-depth investigation by the

firm and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency into the root cause of the *Listeria monocytogenes* finding resulted in a recall of all precooked bacon products from the Canadian firm. FSIS and the company have received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products.

The following product(s) are subject to recall:

- 10-lb. shipping container with two 5-lb. packages of "Napoli Cooked Bacon Topping" that bear the case code 83600
- 10-lb. shipping container with two 5-lb. packages of "Stefano Brand Cooked Diced Bacon" that bear the case code 83601
- 10-lb. shipping container with two 5-lb. packages of "Bellissimo Cooked Diced Bacon" that bear the case code 83602
- 10-lb. shipping container with two 5-lb. packages of "Olymel Cooked Diced Bacon" that bear the case code 83603
- 10-lb. shipping container with two 5-lb. packages of "Assoluti Cooked Diced Bacon" that bear the case code 83608

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FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis. However, listeriosis can cause high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea. Listeriosis can also cause miscarriages and stillbirths, as well as serious and sometimes fatal infections in those with weakened immune systems, such as infants, the elderly and persons with HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy. Individuals concerned about an illness should contact a health care provider.

Media questions about the recall should contact Richard Vigneault at (514) 497-1385. Consumers with questions about the recall should call Aliments Prince, S.E.C. at 1-800-361-5800.

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