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**DATE:** July 20, 2012  
**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer  
**FROM:**   
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**SUBJECT:** Buona Vita, Inc Expanded Recall

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Class I Recall; Approximately 72,510 pounds of various frozen, ready-to-eat meat and poultry products due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. The products were sold to distribution facilities nationwide. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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### New Jersey Firm Recalls Various Frozen, Ready-To-Eat Meat and Poultry Products Due To Potential *Listeria Monocytogenes* Contamination

Recall Release  
FSIS-RC-044-2012

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

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**WASHINGTON, July 19, 2012** - Buona Vita, Inc., a Bridgeton, N.J. establishment, is recalling approximately 72,510 pounds of various frozen, ready-to-eat meat and poultry products due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The products subject to recall include:

- 30-lb. case of Silver Lake ".5 oz Cooked Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
- 30-lb. case of Buon Gusto ".5 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"

- 10-lb. case of Buon Gusto "1/2 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
- 10-lb. case of Mamma Cacciatore "1/2 oz Mamma Cacciatore Baked Beef and Chicken Meatballs"
- 10-lb. case of Buon Gusto "1/2 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
- 10-lb. case of Buon Gusto "2 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
- 10-lb. case of Mamma Cacciatore "1 oz Mamma Cacciatore Baked Beef and Chicken Meatballs"
- 10-lb. case of Buon Gusto "1 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs"
- 10-lb. case of Pisa Brand "1 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
- 10-lb. case of Buon Gusto "1 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
- 10-lb. cases of Buon Gusto "1 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs with Pepper and Onions"
- 10-lb. cases of Buono Vita "1 oz Baked Gourmet Meatballs with Pork and Beef"
- 30-lb case of Buono Vita's ".65 oz Baked Gourmet Meatballs with Pork and Beef"
- 10-lb. case of Sapore Italiano "3 oz Baked Meatballs with Beef and Pork"
- 10-lb. case of Buon Gusto "1/2 oz Baked meatballs with chicken and beef"

All the products were produced on June 26, 2012. The packages bear the establishment number "P-954" or "Est. 954" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The products were sold to distribution facilities nationwide. When available, the retail distribution list will be posted on FSIS' website at [www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS\\_Recalls/Open\\_Federal\\_Cases/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/Open_Federal_Cases/index.asp).

The problem was discovered through microbiological testing by a third party. FSIS and the company have not received reports of illnesses due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact a healthcare provider.

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.

Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact Blake Christy, General Manager of Buona Vita, Inc. at (856) 453-7972.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at [AskKaren.gov](http://AskKaren.gov) or via smartphone at [m.askkaren.gov](http://m.askkaren.gov). "Ask Karen" live chat services are available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.