



**DATE:** April 18, 2012

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

**FROM:** *DWG*  
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Director, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** M.E. Thompson, Inc. Expanded Recall

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; Anytime Deli Turkey & Ham Footlong, to include Italian Footlong, and Classic Cuban, because the products have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. The sub sandwiches were distributed on January 2nd through April 13th to convenience and grocery stores nationwide under the labels Anytime Deli, Sandwich Central and Dandee. 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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**Recall -- Firm Press Release**

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**M.E. Thompson, Inc. Expands Recall of Sub Sandwiches Because of Possible Health Risk**

**Contact:**  
Consumer:  
800-394-6258

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - April 17, 2012 - M.E. Thompson, Inc. is expanding the recall of its Anytime Deli Turkey & Ham Footlong, to include Italian Footlong, and Classic Cuban, because the products have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria Monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. 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 initial date of the recall was January 24, 2012.

The following products with expiration dates from January 19th through May 2nd and lot number from 00112 through 10412 are being recalled:

Turkey & Ham Footlong	UPC 0543200194
Italian Footlong	UPC 0543200196
Classic Cuban	UPC 0543200156

The sub sandwiches were distributed on January 2nd through April 13th to convenience and grocery stores nationwide under the labels Anytime Deli, Sandwich Central and Dandee. All sandwiches are packaged in white butcher wrap. The Best Buy date and/or the Lot Number are located on the white press on circular label. The UPC Code is located on the bottom of the product beneath the Ingredient and Nutrition Facts label.

No confirmed illnesses have been reported to date.

The recall was the result of a routine sampling program by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services which revealed that the finished products contained *Listeria monocytogenes*. No other finished products, since the original sampling, have been shown to contain *Listeria*. The company is recalling the products as a precautionary measure.

Consumers who may have purchased a sandwich for later consumption are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-800-394-6258 Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5 PM EST.

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