

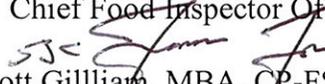


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DATE: September 23, 2011

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

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: 4-lb to 8-lb chubs of "MATTERN SAUSAGE TONGUE AND BLOOD SAUSAGE"

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Class II Recall; Undeclared allergen, hydrolyzed soy protein
Health Risk: Low

Consumer inquiry; Consumers who have recently purchased the items listed below should *not* consume this product and should return it to the store of purchase for a full refund or replacement.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

California Firm Recalls Tongue and Blood Sausage Product Due To Mislabeling and Undeclared Allergen

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WASHINGTON, Sept 22, 2011 - Mattern Sausage, an Orange, Calif., establishment is recalling approximately 72 pounds of tongue and blood sausage because of mislabeling and an undeclared allergen. The product contains hydrolyzed soy protein, which is not declared on the label, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. Soy is a known allergen.

The product subject to recall includes:

- 4-lb to 8-lb chubs of "MATTERN SAUSAGE TONGUE AND BLOOD SAUSAGE"

The product subject to recall bears the establishment number "EST. 7696" inside the USDA mark of inspection on the package label. The product was produced on Sept. 6, 2011, and was shipped to sandwich shops near Orange, Calif.

The problem was discovered during a routine label assessment by FSIS personnel and may have occurred because of a change in ingredient formulation by the company. FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about a reaction should contact a healthcare provider.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and to ensure 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 the company's President, Mike Mattern, at (714) 628-9630.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. 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.