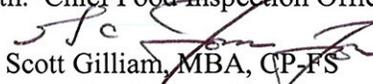




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State Health Commissioner

**DATE:** February 3, 2012  
**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer  
**FROM:**   
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Director, Food Protection Program  
**SUBJECT:** Greencore USA Recall

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Class I Recall; Approximately 23 pounds of chef salad products due to concerns about contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. 5.6 oz. plastic containers of "Thornton's Quick Café Chef Salad" with an "Enjoy By" date through "2/4/2012", that bear the establishment number "P-38518" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The products were distributed to retail establishments in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee. 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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**Ohio Firm Recalls Salads Due to Possible *Listeria* Contamination**

Recall Release  
FSIS-RC-004-2012

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

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**WASHINGTON**, Feb. 2, 2012 – Greencore USA, a Cincinnati, Ohio establishment, is recalling approximately 23 pounds of chef salad products. The salads contain eggs that are the subject of a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recall due to concerns about contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The following products are subject to recall: [View [Label](#)]

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The problem was discovered when Greencore USA was notified by one of its suppliers that hard-cooked eggs (a product inspected by the FDA) had tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*, and are being recalled by Michael Foods Egg Products Co. The salads contain the recalled eggs and are the subject of this FSIS recall. FSIS, FDA, and the company have received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify that 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. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on the 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).

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.

Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact Michael Evans with Greencore USA, at (513) 645-1985.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at [AskKaren.gov](http://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. ET Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

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