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DATE: May 4, 2015

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

FROM: *Laurie Kidwell*
Laurie Kidwell, RRT Supervisor
Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Ohanyan's Bastirma & Soujouk Co. - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED PRODUCT: SOUJOUK Dried Beef Sausage Hot & Spicy & SOUJOUK Dried Beef Sausage Mild

SUMMARY: Class II Recall; The recall has been initiated because the products contain soy lecithin, a known allergen which is not declared on the product label.

The following products are subject to recall:

- 1-pound cryovac packages of SOUJOUK Dried Beef Sausage Hot & Spicy with plant EST. 5867-A.
- 1-pound cryovac packages of SOUJOUK Dried Beef Sausage Mild with plant EST. 5867-A.

These items were produced on various dates from April 30, 2014, through April 30, 2015. The products bear the establishment number "EST. 5867-A" inside the USDA mark of inspection and have the sell by date printed on the product label.

These items were shipped to distributors, retailers, and consumers nationwide.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers and media with questions about the recall can contact Hayik Garabetyan at Ohanyan's Bastirma & Soujouk Co. at 1-559-243-0800. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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.



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Ohanyan's Bastirma & Soujouk, Co. Recalls Sausage Products Due To Misbranding and an Undeclared Allergen

Class II Recall 072-2015
Health Risk: Low Apr 30, 2015
[En Español](#)

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WASHINGTON, April 30, 2015 – Ohanyan's Bastirma & Soujouk Co., a Fresno, Calif. establishment, is recalling approximately 159,291 pounds of sausage products due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. The product contains soy lecithin, a known allergen which is not declared on the product label.

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The problem was discovered when an FSIS inspector was reviewing ingredients on their products and noticed that the establishment applied canola oil spray, a release agent, on the interior of their tubs.

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 that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

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Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov or via smartphone at m.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. The online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/reportproblem>.

Class I	This is a health hazard situation where there is a reasonable probability that the use of the product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or death.
Class II	This is a health hazard situation where there is a remote probability of adverse health consequences from the use of the product.
Class III	This is a situation where the use of the product will not cause adverse health consequences.

Last Modified May 01, 2015

Keep Refrigerated
Product of U.S.A.

Best Quality Brand
Ohanyan's
SOUJOUK
Dried Beef Sausage

U.S. INSPECTED AND PASSED BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EST. 5867-A

Halal Meat
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MILD

Nutrition Facts	
Per 1 Stick (55g)	
Amount	% Daily Value
Calories 160	
Fat 10g	16%
Saturated 5g	26%
+ Trans 0g	
Cholesterol 51mg	
Sodium 500mg	25%
Carbohydrate 3g	1%
Fiber 0g	0%
Sugars 0g	
Protein 13g	
Vitamin A	0%
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Serving Suggestions:
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Delicious Fried with Eggs
Excellent as Hors D'oeuvres

INGREDIENTS:
Beef, Salt, Water, Spices,
Garlic, Paprika, Sodium Nitrite.

Prepared By:
OHANYAN'S BASTIRMA & SOUJOUK CO.
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Telephone (559) 243-0800

SAFE HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS
THIS PRODUCT WAS PREPARED FROM INSPECTED AND PASSED MEAT AND/OR POULTRY. SOME FOOD PRODUCTS MAY CONTAIN BACTERIA THAT COULD CAUSE ILLNESS IF THE PRODUCT IS MISHANDLED OR COOKED IMPROPERLY FOR YOUR PROTECTION, FOLLOW THESE SAFE HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS.

KEEP REFRIGERATED OR FROZEN. THAW IN REFRIGERATOR OR MICROWAVE. COOK THOROUGHLY.

KEEP RAW MEAT AND POULTRY SEPARATE FROM OTHER FOODS. WASH WORKING SURFACES (INCLUDING CUTTING BOARDS, UTENSILS, AND HANDS) AFTER TOUCHING RAW MEAT OR POULTRY. KEEP HOT FOOD HOT. REFRIGERATE LEFTOVERS IMMEDIATELY OR DISCARD.

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