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**DATE:** December 3, 2012

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

**FROM:**   
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Director, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** Veggie Patch Recall

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; Veggie Patch The Ultimate Meatless Burger and Veggie Patch Falafel due to the potential contamination of *Listeria monocytogenes*; Information provided in case of consumer inquiry.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. The Ultimate Meatless Burger potentially affected was available for sale as of November 21, 2012, in the following states; NY, CT, PA, FL, IL, MD, IN, WI, VA, NJ and DE. Falafel potentially affected, was available for sale as of November 21, 2012, nationwide. Consumers with questions can contact VEGGIE PATCH at 888-807-0765, 8am- 5pm EST, seven days a week, or at [contactus@veggiepatch.com](mailto:contactus@veggiepatch.com). 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**

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.

**VEGGIE PATCH® Voluntarily Recalls Two Items- The Ultimate Meatless Burger and Falafel- Due To Possible Risk Of Contamination By *Listeria monocytogenes***

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – November 30, 2012 – VEGGIE PATCH® is voluntarily recalling two products --The Ultimate Meatless Burger and Falafel-- due to a risk of contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. *Listeria monocytogenes* is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy persons may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headaches, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths in pregnant women.

The Ultimate Meatless Burger and Falafel, from VEGGIE PATCH, with the specific use-by dates and UPC codes listed below were distributed to a select number of retailers and distributors.

- 9-ounce trays of refrigerated, fully cooked, VEGGIE PATCH, The Ultimate Meatless Burger with a Use-By date, Jan/12/2013; UPC code 6-10129-00211-5 (which can be found on back of package)
- 9-ounce trays of refrigerated, fully cooked, VEGGIE PATCH, Falafel with a Use-By date, Jan/15/2013; UPC code 6-10129-06619-3 (which can be found on back of package)

The Ultimate Meatless Burger potentially affected was available for sale as of November 21, 2012, in the following states; NY, CT, PA, FL, IL, MD, IN, WI, VA, NJ and DE. Falafel potentially affected, was available for sale as of November 21, 2012, nationwide.

No illnesses have been reported to date. VEGGIE PATCH discovered this issue as part of its routine testing of its products.

Consumers who purchased any product with the specific use-by dates and UPC codes listed above are asked to dispose of the product. They should email [contactus@veggiepatch.com](mailto:contactus@veggiepatch.com) to arrange for a full refund. The recall affects only these two items. Products that **do not** contain the specific use-by dates and UPC codes listed are **not** affected by the recall. No other VEGGIE PATCH products or other use-by dates of The Ultimate Meatless Burger or Falafel are affected by this recall. Frozen Veggie Patch products are **not** affected by this recall.

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More information is available on the VEGGIE PATCH website at [www.veggiepatch.com](http://www.veggiepatch.com)

### About VEGGIE PATCH

VEGGIE PATCH offers tasty, healthy and convenient vegetarian foods and meatless options ideal for snacks, lunch and dinner. Products include main dish items, kid-friendly vegetable and cheese bites and other appetizers. All VEGGIE PATCH products are made from real vegetables, are high in protein and free of trans fats and MSG. For more information, visit <http://www.veggiepatch.com><sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>

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Photo:Product Labels<sup>4</sup>

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Photos**



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