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BEEF RECALL DUE TO POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION WITH E. COLI O157:H7

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Bakersfield – Public Health Services released today a corrected and updated list of recalled products for Huntington Meat Packing. Huntington Meat Packing delivered meat potentially contaminated with E. coli O157:H7 to Kern County. The investigation is still ongoing to determine which schools, restaurants and food establishments may have received the product and to be notified on how to dispose of the product correctly. The Kern County Superintendent of Schools and all school districts have been notified and those found to have cases on site are taking appropriate action.

Huntington Meat Packing, a Southern California meat packing firm, has expanded its recall of ground beef and veal potentially contaminated with E. coli O157:H7, which includes approximately 4.9 million pounds of products by Huntington Meat Packing under the Huntington, Imperial Meat and El Rancho brands. The original recall, announced Jan. 18, was for 864,000 pounds of meat.

E. coli is a potentially deadly germ that can cause bloody diarrhea, dehydration and, in severe cases, kidney failure. The germ can be killed by cooking fresh and frozen meat products to an internal temperature of 160 degrees.

There have been no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of the products, the food safety agency said.

The original recall was expanded based on evidence collected in an ongoing criminal investigation. Inspectors found the products were prepared in a manner that did not follow rules to prevent food safety hazards, officials said.

The products subject to recall include:

The following beef and veal products, produced by the plant from January 22, 2009, to January 4, 2010, are subject to recall:

- 10 lb. boxes of "IMPERIAL MEAT CO. GROUND BEEF PATTY"
- 10 lb. boxes of "El Rancho MEAT & PROVISION ALL BEEF PATTIES"
- 20 lb. boxes of "IMPERIAL MEAT CO. GROUND BEEF PATTY"
- 50 lb. boxes of "HUNTINGTON MEATS GROUND BEEF"
- 50 lb. boxes of " HUNTINGTON MEAT PKG. INC. BEEF GROUND FOR FURTHER PROCESSING"



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- 50 lb. boxes of "BEEF BURRITO FILLING MIX"
- 50 lb. boxes of "HUNTINGTON MEAT PKG. INC. DICED BEEF"
- 50 lb. boxes of "HUNTINGTON MEAT PKG. INC. SLICED BEEF"
- 10 lb. boxes of "Huntington Meat VEAL PATTY"
- 10 lb. boxes of "Imperial Meat VEAL PATTY"
- 10 lb. boxes of "El Rancho VEAL PATTY"
- 20 lb. boxes of "Huntington Meat VEAL PATTY"
- 20 lb. boxes of "Imperial Meat VEAL PATTY"
- 20 lb. boxes of "El Rancho VEAL PATTY"

FSIS advises all consumers to safely prepare their raw meat products, including fresh and frozen, and only consume ground beef or ground beef patties that have been cooked to a temperature of 160° F. The only way to be sure ground beef is cooked to a high enough temperature to kill harmful bacteria is to use a food thermometer to measure the internal temperature.

Media and consumer questions regarding the recall should be directed to the company Owner Robert Glenn at (323) 726-9714.

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.

For more information the public is encouraged to visit www.kernpublichealth.com

See locations below:





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99 CENTS ONLY	1121 OLIVE DRIVE	BAKERSFIELD	CA	93308
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GOLDEN CASTLE ASSISTED LIVING	2607 MT VERNON AVENUE	BAKERSFIELD	CA	93306
HARRIS MARKET	1701 UNION AVE	BAKERSFIELD	CA	93305
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