

Michael R. Pence Governor

William C. VanNess II, MD State Health Commissioner

DATE:

January 21, 2014

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn:/Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

European Meat Products Inc [Food]

**AFFECTED** 

**PRODUCT:** 

Fresh and ready-to-eat beef and pork products, approximately 130,000 lbs.

SUMMARY:

Class II Recall; The products <u>contain wheat, a known allergen</u> which is not declared on the labels. The products bear the establishment number "EST. 7725" inside the USDA Mark of Inspection. The recalled products were produced prior to January 17, 2014.

The products subject to recall include:

- 16 oz. vacuum pack plastic bags of "Bo Vien, Huong Duyen Cooked Beef Meat Balls"
- 100 oz. vacuum pack plastic bags of "Bo Vien, Huong Duyen Cooked Beef Meat Balls"
- 16 oz. vacuum pack plastic bags of "Cha Chien, Huong Duyen Pork Meat Roll Browned in Soy Bean Oil"
- 16 oz. plastic tubs of "Moc TUOi, Huong Duyen- Fresh Pork Paste"
- 16 oz. vacuum pack plastic bags of "Gio-Lua, Huong Duyen Pork Meat Roll"
- 32 oz. vacuum pack plastic bags of "Gio-Lua, Huong Duyen Pork Meat Roll"

The products were shipped to distributors, restaurants and retail establishments in California, Colorado, and the nearby state <u>Illinois</u>.

SUGGESTED

**ACTION:** 

Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact Phong Tong, a company executive, at (303) 233-3111. 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



## Colorado Firm Recalls Beef and Pork Products Due To Misbranding and **Undeclared Allergen**

Class II Recall 004-2014 Health Risk: Low Jan 17, 2014 En Español

Congressional and Public Affairs Steve Van Der Werff (202) 720-7887

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17, 2014 – European Meat Products Inc., a Lakewood, Colo., establishment, is recalling approximately 130,000 pounds of fresh and ready-to-eat beef and pork products because of misbranding and an undeclared allergen, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. The products contain wheat, a known allergen which is not declared on the labels.

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The problem was discovered by FSIS during a routine food safety assessment label review. The problem occurred due to a change in ingredient formulation without a corresponding change in the finished product label. 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.

Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact Phong Tong, a company executive, at (303) 233-3111.

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. "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. For information on how to report a problem with a meat,

poultry or processed egg product to FSIS at any time, visit <a href="http://www.fsis.usda.gov/reportproblem">http://www.fsis.usda.gov/reportproblem</a>.

USDA Recall Classifications		
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.	