

Michael R. Pence Governor

William C. VanNess II, MD State Health Commissioner

DATE:

January 28, 2014

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

George's Inc [Food]

**AFFECTED** 

PRODUCT:

Frozen par-fried chicken tender products.

**SUMMARY:** 

Class II Recall; The products are formulated with wheat, a known allergen, which was not properly declared on the labels.

The products subject to recall include:

 10-lb. cases of "George's Uncooked Breaded Chicken Breast Tenderloins" with Case Code 4831 and packaging dates between Feb. 21, 2013 and Dec. 19, 2013.

• 10-lb. cases of "George's Uncooked Chicken Tenderloin Fritters" with Case Code 4861 and packaging dates between Feb. 21, 2013 and Jan. 4, 2014.

• 10-lb. cases of "George's Uncooked Chicken Tenderloin Fritters" with Case Code 4880 and packaging dates between Feb. 21, 2013 and Jul. 19, 2013.

The products subject to recall bear the establishment number "P-13584" under the USDA Mark of Inspection.

These chicken products were sold to wholesale locations for distribution to <u>institutional</u> <u>users nationwide</u>.

SUGGESTED

**ACTION:** 

Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers with questions about the recall should contact Ali Perry at (479) 927-7256. Media with questions about the recall should contact Glen Balch at (479) 927-7105. 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.

## Arkansas Firm Recalls Frozen Chicken Products Due To Misbranding and Undeclared Allergens

Class II Recall 007-2014 Health Risk: Low Jan 27, 2014

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**WASHINGTON, Jan. 27, 2014** – George's Inc., a Springdale, Ark. establishment, is recalling approximately 1.25 million pounds of frozen par-fried chicken tender 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 are formulated with wheat, a known allergen, which was not properly declared on the labels.

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The problem was discovered during a routine label review conducted by the company, which then contacted FSIS. The problem occurred due to isolated printer issues that caused some labels to print without selected ingredients. The issue has been corrected.

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 <a href="AskKaren.gov">AskKaren.gov</a> or via smartphone at <a href="maskkaren.gov">m.askkaren.gov</a>. "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. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

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.