

Michael R. Pence Governor

Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH State Health Commissioner

DATE:

October 9, 2015

TO:

All Local Health Depayments

Attp: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

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Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Whole Foods Market - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED

PRODUCT:

Papillon Organic Roquefort Cheeses

SUMMARY:

Unclassified Recall; The recall has been initiated because the product has the potential to be contaminated

with Listeria monocytogenes.

The recalled cheese was cut and packaged in clear plastic wrap and sold with Whole Foods Market scale labels. The Papillon Organic Roquefort cheese product can be identified by the scale label that begins with

PLU 029536. All sell by dates are affected.

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

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.

Whole Foods Market Voluntarily Recalls All Cut, Wrapped And Weighed Papillon Organic Roquefort Cheeses

Because Of Possible Health Risk

Contact

Consumer:

512-477-5566 ext. 20060

Media:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – October 7, 2015 – Whole Foods Market is recalling cheese sold in all stores nationwide that came from its supplier because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or



elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women. Consumers should seek immediate medical care if they develop these symptoms.

The recalled cheese was cut and packaged in clear plastic wrap and sold with Whole Foods Market scale labels. Whole Foods Market decided to recall the cheese after routine sampling conducted by the FDA found *Listeria Monocytogenes* in a whole, uncut wheel of the cheese. The Papillon Organic Roquefort cheese product can be identified by the scale label that begins with PLU 029536. All sell by dates are affected.

No illnesses or infections have been reported to date. Signage is posted on retail store shelves to notify customers of this recall, and all affected product has been removed from shelves.

Consumers who have purchased this product from Whole Foods Market stores may bring their receipt to the store for a full refund. Consumers with questions should contact their local store or call 512-477-5566 ext. 20060 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST.

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