

**Subject: ALFOODACT 038-2011 Tyson Fresh Meats Inc. of Dakota City, Neb.,  
Recalls Ground Beef Over E Coli Concern**

**Date Issued: December 17, 2011**

**1. REFERENCES:**

- a. DLAR 4155.26/AR 40-660/NAVSUPINST 10110.8c/AFI 48-116/MCO 10110.38c, DOD Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System.
- b. Allied Communications Publication 121, US SUPP-1 (f).

**2. BACKGROUND:**

A Nebraska meatpacker recalled more than 40,000 pounds of ground beef products distributed in 16 states after a test confirmed the presence of E. coli, the Agriculture Department said Friday. The products were shipped to institutions and distributors in Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service said in a statement that the problem was discovered through routine monitoring that confirmed a positive result for E. coli.

No reports of illness have been received.

E. coli is a bacterium that can cause bloody diarrhea, dehydration and, in the most severe cases, kidney failure. The very young, the elderly and those with weak immune systems are the most susceptible.

FSIS advises all consumers to safely prepare raw meat products, including fresh and frozen, and only consume ground beef that has been cooked to a temperature of 160 degrees.

**3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:**

Tyson Fresh Meats Inc. of Dakota City, Neb.,  
10-pound chubs of chuck fine ground beef 80/20, packed in cases containing eight chubs.

**4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:**

Tyson Fresh Meats Inc.  
Dakota City, Nebraska  
866-328-3156

**5. DISTRIBUTION:** [Multi-State]: The products were shipped to institutions and distributors in Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

**6. REASON FOR ACTION:** Due to possibly being contaminated with E. coli O157:H7

## **7. INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:**

- a. Immediately inventory stocks to identify the above items and secure in a "Medical Hold" status to provide assurance of no further issue/sale/use. POSITIVE FINDINGS should be reported to Accountable Officers/Vendor Representatives of that facility. Accountable Officer/Agency representatives/Buyers/Contracting Officers should seek/refund/credit/replacement through the normal distribution channel with which the product was received (i.e. Distribution Centers, Prime Vendors, or Manufacturers).
- b. Ships at sea are authorized to destroy or dispose of recalled products at their discretion. Documentation for the number of pounds and cases, and any additional pertinent information must be signed by the Accountable Officer and is required for the purpose of recouping to the government the cost of the product involved. In order to get credit please use a SF 364 and forward to your supporting FISC and copy furnished to NAVSUP 51. Your supporting FISC should forward to the account manager at DLA Troop Support. The form should include the number of the recall authorizing the survey action. Home-ported ships/galleys will utilize DD form 1149 to transfer w/ reimbursement to the PV. The PV will submit credit invoice to the account manager at DLA Troop Support.
- c. DLA Troop Support Subsistence Prime Vendors must report POSITIVE and NEGATIVE RESPONSES directly to the their DLA Troop Support Contracting Officer with a courtesy copy to the Consumer Safety Officer ([dscpconssafofc@dla.mil](mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil)).
- d. DeCA, AAFES, MWR, VA, MCCS, or other non-DLA Troop Support agencies SHOULD NOT respond to the DLA Troop Support Consumer Safety Officer. These agencies should report POSITIVE and NEGATIVE responses in accordance with their agency recall policies.
- e. When corresponding with DLA Troop Support concerning this message please include this message's subject in your subject line.

**8. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is** CW3 Tony Hemphill, Consumer Safety Officer at DLA-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2922, Commercial (215) 737-2922, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526, email [dscpconssafofc@dla.mil](mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil) .

**9. Individuals or groups that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to [dscpconssafofc@dla.mil](mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil) ,** with "add to list" in the subject line. To be removed from the list place "remove from list" in the subject line.

**10. Previous recalls and frequently asked questions are available at the following web site:** <http://www.troopsupport.dla.mil/subs/fso/alfood/alfood.asp> . The navigation tool to the left allows you to also view DLA Troop Support Alerts and Archived Vendor Recalls.

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