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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2017-059 – Empire Kosher Poultry Inc. Recalls Chicken Products Due To Possible Extraneous Material Contamination

Date Issued: 10 November 2017

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.

2. Background: Empire Kosher Poultry, Inc., a Mifflintown, Pa. establishment, is recalling approximately 10,839 pounds of raw poultry products that may be contaminated with extraneous materials, specifically metal, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced.

The products subject to recall bear establishment number "P-1015" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to retail locations nationwide.

The problem was discovered on November 2, 2017 by an establishment employee who observed metal foreign material in a chicken breast while performing routine duties. The establishment took corrective actions to recover products before reaching commerce.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. FSIS has received no reports of injury or illness from consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a healthcare provider.

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

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. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on the FSIS website at www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls.

3. Product Affected: The raw chicken breast products were produced and packaged on Nov. 2, 2017. The following products are subject to recall: [View Labels (PDF Only)]

- 4 to5.25-lbs. tray packages containing chicken breasts labeled "Empire KOSHER NATURAL Chicken Breasts, Boneless & Skinless" with case code 46375 and "Sell By" date 11/14/17.
- 1 to1.25-lbs. tray packages containing chicken breasts labeled "Empire KOSHER NATURAL Chicken Breasts, Boneless & Skinless" with case code 7488 and "Sell By" date 11/16/17.
- 2.5-lbs. tray packages containing chicken breasts labeled "Empire KOSHER NATURAL Chicken Breasts, Boneless & Skinless" with case code 7598 and "Sell By" date11/16/17.
- 1 to1.25-lbs. tray packages containing chicken breasts labeled "Empire KOSHER NATURAL Chicken Breasts, Boneless & Skinless" with case code 92615 and "Sell By" date 11/17/17.

- 1 to 1.25 –lbs. tray packages containing chicken breasts labeled “Empire KOSHER NATURAL Chicken Breasts, Boneless & Skinless” with case code 7888 and “Sell By” date 11/16/17.

4. Product Photos:


NATURAL
Thin Sliced Chicken Breasts
BONELESS & SKINLESS
Empire KOSHER
NATURAL
Thin Sliced Chicken Breasts
BONELESS & SKINLESS
Hatched, Raised & Harvested in the USA
Family Farm Raised Poultry
RAISED WITHOUT ANTIBIOTICS
NO ADDED GROWTH HORMONES
HUMANELY RAISED & VEGETARIAN FED
KEEP REFRIGERATED OR FROZEN
Nutrition Facts
SAFE HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS
Manufactured by:
PRODUCT OF USA


NATURAL*
Chicken Breasts
BONELESS & SKINLESS
Empire KOSHER
NATURAL*
Chicken Breasts
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Hatched, Raised & Harvested in the USA
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RAISED WITHOUT ANTIBIOTICS
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HUMANELY RAISED† & VEGETARIAN FED
KEEP REFRIGERATED OR FROZEN
Nutrition Facts
SAFE HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS
Manufactured by:
Empire Kosher Poultry, Inc.
Millsboro, PA 19709 USA
PRODUCT OF USA


007488
INSPECTED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE P-1015
Empire KOSHER
KAI
U GLATT P
SOAKED AND SALTED
01900716270748833202001800151711162104673067088 6
THIN SLICED BONELESS SKINLESS CHICKEN BREASTS
EMPIRE KOSHER POULTRY
MIFFLINTOWN, PA. 17059
15:22:11
Scale 46
SELL BY 11/16/17
18.00 LB NET WT
8.16 KG NET WT
CONSUMER TARE WEIGHT OF PACKAGE .05
KEEP REFRIGERATED
Hatched, Raised, and Harvested in the USA
NET WEIGHT TO BE MARKED ON CONSUMER PACKAGES PRIOR TO DISPLAY AND SALE


007598
INSPECTED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE P-1015
Empire KOSHER
KAI
U GLATT P
SOAKED AND SALTED
01900716270759893202002450151711162104673067088 7
CHICKEN BREAST CUTLETS - ABF
EMPIRE KOSHER POULTRY
MIFFLINTOWN, PA. 17059
15:23:00
Scale 46
SELL BY 11/16/17
24.50 LB NET WT
11.11 KG NET WT
CONSUMER TARE WEIGHT OF PACKAGE .07
KEEP REFRIGERATED
Hatched, Raised, and Harvested in the USA
NET WEIGHT TO BE MARKED ON CONSUMER PACKAGES PRIOR TO DISPLAY AND SALE


Empire
KOSHER
007888
INSPECTED
BY
U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE
P-1015
SOAKED AND SALTED
01900716270788813202002900151711162104673067088
CHICKEN BREAST
CUTLETS
EMPIRE KOSHER POULTRY
MIFFLINTOWN, PA. 17059
15:23:11
Scale 46
SELL BY
11/16/17
29.00 LB
NET WT
13.15 KG
NET WT
CONSUMER TARE WEIGHT OF PACKAGE .05
KEEP REFRIGERATED
Hatched, Raised, and Harvested in the USA
NET WEIGHT TO BE MARKED ON CONSUMER
PACKAGES PRIOR TO DISPLAY AND SALE


Empire
KOSHER
046375
INSPECTED
BY
U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE
P-1015
SOAKED AND SALTED
01900716274637553202004500151711142104673067088
BONELESS/SKINLESS CHICKEN
BREAST CUTLETS
EMPIRE KOSHER POULTRY
MIFFLINTOWN, PA. 17059
15:23:28
Scale 46
SELL BY
11/14/17
45.00 LB
NET WT
20.41 KG
NET WT
CONSUMER TARE WEIGHT OF PACKAGE .11
KEEP REFRIGERATED
Hatched, Raised, and Harvested in the USA
NET WEIGHT TO BE MARKED ON CONSUMER
PACKAGES PRIOR TO DISPLAY AND SALE

5. Contact Information: Consumers with questions about the recall can contact the Empire Kosher toll free line at (800) 570-5718. Media with questions about the recall can contact MediaRelations@Hain.com.

6. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FINDINGS:

a. Air Force Public Health personnel involved in the installation pilot program, and Army Public Health personnel, report your negative and positive findings HERE. If you are **not** in one of these two groups, please use the instructions below (paragraphs b-d).

> NOTE: The Air Force is currently in a pilot program to utilize the VSIMS Subsistence Recalls application for ALFOODACT responses. Additional installations will be phased in over time. If you have been informed of this responsibility by your MAJCOM PHO or AFMSA, please use the link above. If not, please report your findings in accordance with your current policy.

b. Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Contractors, report positive and negative findings to your Accountable Officer.

c. 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 (For instructions on how to "Properly Prepare a Standard Form" (SF) 364 please use this link: http://www.dla.mil/LandandMaritime/Offers/Services/TechnicalSupport/Logistics/Packaging/PrepareSF364.aspx and forward to your supporting NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (NAVSUP FLC) and copy furnished to NAVSUP 51. Your supporting NAVSUP FLC 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 with reimbursement to the PV. The PV will submit credit invoice to the account manager at DLA Troop Support.

d. **AAFES, MWR, NEX, MCCS, DeCA, DLA, dining facilities**, and **all other agencies**, report your findings in accordance with the procedures outlined by your agency.

7. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is CPT Janas Gray, Food Safety Officer at DLA-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2934, Commercial (215) 737-2934 or email: dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

8. Individuals or groups that would like to BEGIN receiving recall messages electronically can submit request HERE.

9. To STOP receiving recall messages, submit your request HERE.

10. Previous recalls are available at the following web site: http://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodSafety/fso/ALFOODACT.aspx.

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