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DEC warns consumers of recall covering Alaska Sausage products

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is asking the public to check their refrigerators and freezers for products distributed by Alaska Sausage Company, Inc. They may be tainted with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

No illnesses have been reported.

Alaska Sausage Company, Inc. is conducting a recall of the following sausage products produced on Jan. 27 that were distributed to retail establishments and institutions:

- 3-pound packages of "ALASKAN SAUSAGE LINKS WITH REINDEER MEAT." Each package bears a package code of "02709," a sell by date of "03/22/09" as well as the establishment number "EST. 17866" inside the USDA mark of inspection.
- 1-pound and 3-pound packages of "GERMAN BRAND COOKED BRATWURST." Each package bears a package code of "02709," a sell by date of "03/02/09" as well as the establishment number "EST. 17866" inside the USDA mark of inspection.

Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis. However, listeriosis can cause high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea. People experiencing these symptoms should seek immediate medical attention. Listeriosis can also cause miscarriages and stillbirths, as well as serious and sometimes fatal infections in those with weakened immune systems, such as infants, the elderly and persons with HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy.

Consumers who have these sausage products should return them to the place of purchase for a refund.

Media or consumers with questions about the recall can contact Alaska Sausage Co. president Martin Eckmann at 907-562-3636.

More information can be found at:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_005_2009_Release/index.asp

For more information on recalls, log onto our website at:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.htm>

