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Cargill Meat Solutions Recalling Ground Turkey Products

(JUNEAU, AK) – Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation has issued a recall for approximately 36 million pounds of fresh and frozen ground turkey products possibly contaminated with a multi-drug resistant strain of *Salmonella*. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Service and Inspection Service (FSIS) has determined there is an epidemiologic link between the recalled Cargill ground turkey products and at least 79 persons diagnosed with *Salmonella* in 26 other states.

Products were distributed nationwide at the retail level. USDA FSIS has released a retail distribution list and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is presuming that the recalled products have been distributed to retailers in Alaska. The FSIS will provide further information as it becomes available, including any further recall activity.

The recall affects all Cargill ground turkey products produced at their Springdale, Arkansas facility between Feb 20, 2011 and Aug 2, 2011. All recalled packages have the establishment number **P-963** on the label inside the USDA mark of inspection. The recalled ground turkey products are listed below.

Ground Turkey Chubs – Use or Freeze by Dates of 2/20/11 through 8/23/11

- 10 lb. chubs of Honeysuckle White Fresh Natural Lean Ground Turkey with Natural Flavorings
- 10 lb. chubs of Unbranded Ground Turkey with Natural Flavorings 2-Pack
- 80 oz. (5 lbs.) chubs of Riverside Ground Turkey with Natural Flavoring
- 10 lb. chub of Natural Lean Ground Turkey with Natural Flavorings
- 16 oz. (1 lb.) chubs of Fresh Lean HEB Ground Turkey 93/7
- 16 oz. (1 lb.) chubs of Fresh HEB Ground Turkey 85/15

- 16 oz. (1 lb.) chubs of Honeysuckle White Fresh Ground Turkey with Natural Flavoring 93/7
- 4-1 lb. packages of Honeysuckle White Ground Turkey with Natural Flavoring Value Pack
- 16 oz. (1 lb.) chubs of Honeysuckle White Fresh Ground Turkey 85/15
- 48 oz. (3 lb.) chubs of Honeysuckle White Fresh Ground Turkey 85/15

85% Ground Turkey - Use or Freeze by Dates of 2/20/11 through 8/23/11

- 19.2 oz. (1.2 lb.) trays of Honeysuckle White Ground Turkey 85/15
- 19.2 oz. (1.2 lb.) trays of Honeysuckle White Taco Seasoned Ground Turkey Colored with Paprika
- 19.2 oz. (1 lb. 3.2 oz.) trays of Kroger Ground Turkey Fresh 85/15
- 48 oz. (3 lb.) trays of Kroger Ground Turkey Fresh 85/15
- 20 oz. (1.25 lb.) trays of Honeysuckle White Ground Turkey 85/15
- 48 oz. (3 lbs.) trays of Honeysuckle White Ground Turkey Family Pack 85/15
- 16 oz. (1 lb.) trays of Honeysuckle White Ground Turkey 85/15
- 19.2 oz. (1.2 lbs.) trays of Honeysuckle White Seasoned Italian Style Ground Turkey with Natural Flavorings

93% Ground Turkey - Use or Freeze by Dates of 2/20/11 through 8/23/11

- 19.2 oz. (1.20 lb.) trays of Honeysuckle White Lean Ground Turkey 93/7
- 48 oz. (3.0 lbs.) trays of Honeysuckle White Lean Ground Turkey Family Pack 93/7
- 19.2 oz. (1.2 lb.) trays of Fit & Active Lean Ground Turkey 93/07
- 19.2 oz. (1.2 lbs.) trays of Giant Eagle Ground Turkey Fresh & Premium Lean
- 19.2 oz. (1 lb 3.2 oz.) trays of Kroger Ground Turkey Fresh Lean 93/7
- 20 oz. (1.25 lb.) trays of Honeysuckle White Lean Ground Turkey 93/7

Ground Patties

- 16 oz. (1 lb.) trays of Honeysuckle White Ground Turkey Patties with Use or Freeze by Dates of 2/20/11 through 8/23/11
- 16 oz. (1 lb.) trays of Kroger Ground Seasoned Turkey Patties Fresh 85/15 with Use or Freeze by Dates of 2/20/11 through 8/23/11
- 16 oz. (1 lb.) trays of Shady Brook Farms Ground Turkey Burgers with Natural Flavorings with the following "Use by" or "Freeze by" dates: 07/09/11, 07/10/11, 07/11/11, 07/15/11, 07/16/11, 07/21/11, 07/22/11, 07/24/11, 08/01/11, or 08/04/11

Frozen Ground Turkey – Production Dates of 2/20/11 through 8/2/11

- 16 oz. (1 lb.) chubs of Honeysuckle White Ground Turkey with Natural Flavoring
- 16 oz. (1 lb.) chubs of Spartan Ground Turkey
- 48 oz. (3 lb.) chubs of Honeysuckle White Ground Turkey 85/15
- 40 lb. bulk packed Ground Turkey with Natural Flavoring for Food Service Use Only

Descriptions and photos of the recalled products may be found here:

<http://www.cargill.com/wcm/groups/public/@ccom/documents/document/na3047772.pdf>

Salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. Individuals exhibiting any of these symptoms should contact their healthcare provider.

To help prevent salmonellosis and other foodborne illnesses, wash hands with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling raw meat and poultry, and cook poultry—including ground turkey products—to 165° F, as determined with a food thermometer.

Consumers with questions about recalled ground turkey products may contact Cargill's consumer relations toll-free telephone number (1-888-812-1646).

For more information on this recall, visit:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_060_2011_Release/index.asp

For more information on recalls affecting Alaskans, visit DEC's website:

<http://www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.html>.

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