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**Buona Vita Frozen, Ready-To-Eat Meat and Poultry Products
Recalled for Listeria Monocytogenes Contamination**

(JUNEAU, AK) – Buona Vita, Inc. has issued a recall for multiple frozen, ready-to-eat meat and poultry products due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Listeria monocytogenes can cause listeriosis, a potentially fatal disease. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis. However, those that do contract it could experience high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea. 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. People experiencing these symptoms should seek immediate medical attention.

The recalled items were produced on June 26, 2012 under several brand names:

30-lb. case of Silver Lake ".5 oz Cooked Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
30-lb. case of Buon Gusto ".5 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
10-lb. case of Buon Gusto "1/2 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
10-lb. case of Mamma Cacciatore "1/2 oz Mamma Cacciatore Baked Beef and Chicken Meatballs"
10-lb. case of Buon Gusto "1/2 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
10-lb. case of Buon Gusto "2 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
10-lb. case of Mamma Cacciatore "1 oz Mamma Cacciatore Baked Beef and Chicken Meatballs"
10-lb. case of Buon Gusto "1 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs"
10-lb. case of Pisa Brand "1 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
10-lb. case of Buon Gusto "1 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
10-lb. cases of Buon Gusto "1 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs with Pepper and Onions"
10-lb. cases of Buona Vita "1 oz Baked Gourmet Meatballs with Pork and Beef"
30-lb case of Buona Vita's ".65 oz Baked Gourmet Meatballs with Pork and Beef"
10-lb. case of Sapore Italiano "3 oz Baked Meatballs with Beef and Pork"
10-lb. case of Buon Gusto "1/2 oz Baked meatballs with chicken and beef"
30-lb. case of Silver Lake ".5 oz Cooked Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
30-lb. case of Buon Gusto ".5 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"
10-lb. case of Buon Gusto "1/2 oz Baked Italian Style Meatballs made with chicken and beef"

The recalled packages bear the establishment number "P-954" or "Est. 954" inside the USDA mark of inspection and can also be identified by case code 1782. A complete collection of label images can be viewed at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/images_recalls/042_2012_labels.pdf#page=1

An ongoing updated list of individual products is posted at [www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS Recalls/Open Federal Cases/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/Open_Federal_Cases/index.asp).

DEC has confirmed these products were distributed in Alaska. To date, there have been no reported illnesses.

Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact Blake Christy, General Manager of Buona Vita, Inc. at (856) 453-7972. For more recall details, please visit: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News & Events/Recall_044_2012_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_044_2012_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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