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VEGGIE PATCH Recalls Falafel Due To Possible *Listeria* Contamination

(JUNEAU, AK) – VEGGIE PATCH has issued a recall for 9-ounce trays of refrigerated, fully cooked VEGGIE PATCH Falafel because of possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination.

Listeria monocytogenes can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but 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.

The identifying UPC code is located on the back of the package.

Brand	Size	UPC Code	Use-By Date
VEGGIE PATCH	9-ounce Tray	6-10129-06619-3	Jan/15/2013

The affected product became available for sale on Nov. 21, 2012. Only the Falafel with the specific UPC codes and Use-By dates listed are affected.

The product was distributed nationwide. To date, no illnesses have been reported in Alaska or elsewhere.

Consumers who may have purchased this product are requested to dispose of it and e-mail contactus@veggiepatch.com for refund information. Consumers with questions may also contact VEGGIE PATCH at 888-807-0765, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, seven days a week, or visit www.veggiepatch.com.

For more information on this recall, visit: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm330342.htm?source=govdelivery>.

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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