



February 18, 2008

USDA Issues Recall Notification for Hallmark/Westland Meat Company

On February 17, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of the USDA issued a notification of recall for Hallmark/Westland Meat Packing Co. Following are excerpts from that release:

“Hallmark/Westland Meat Packing Co., a Chino, Calif., establishment, is voluntarily recalling approximately 143,383,823 pounds of raw and frozen beef products that FSIS has determined to be unfit for human food because the cattle did not receive complete and proper inspection. Through evidence obtained by FSIS, the establishment did not consistently contact the FSIS public health veterinarian in situations in which cattle became non-ambulatory after passing ante-mortem inspection, which is not compliant with FSIS regulations.

This noncompliant activity occurred occasionally over the past two years and therefore all beef product produced during the period of time for which evidence indicates such activity occurred has been determined by FSIS to be unfit for human consumption, and is, therefore, adulterated.

This recall is designated as Class II due to the remote probability that the beef being recalled would cause adverse health effects if consumed. FSIS made this determination because the animals passed ante-mortem inspection but should have been identified as suspect requiring additional inspection after slaughter to determine if there is evidence of disease, injury, or other signs of abnormalities that may have occurred after ante-mortem inspection.

Media and consumers with questions about the recall should contact company Plant Manager Stan Mendell or Food Safety Consultant Steve Sayer at (909) 590-3340.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.”

Following are links (URL's) to USDA and the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) recall related information:

1. The USDA's complete Hallmark/Westland Meat Company recall release is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Recall_005-2008_Release.pdf.
2. The USDA's Questions and Answers (Q&A's) are available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/HallmarkWestland_QAs.pdf.
3. The latest information from the USDA can be found at www.fsis.usda.gov.

Additionally, the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has issued instructions for School Distributing Agencies regarding destruction of product and reimbursement (see attached "Hallmark/Westland Meat Company Recall/Destruction/Reimbursement Information", 2/17/08).

As noted in the FSIS Recall Release, the recall has been expanded from the original hold, and now includes all products produced at Westland Meat Company since February 1, 2006. In light of this, J.T.M. has determined the following:

1. J.T.M. received raw materials from Westland Meat Company during this additional time period. Information on "J.T.M. Products Produced with Westland Meat Products – 2/18/08" has been updated, and the full list is attached.
2. None of J.T.M.'s commercial products are affected by this action, as we have never purchased any raw material from Westland Meat Company for our commercial products.

All updated information relative to JTM FoodGroup concerning this recall can be found at www.jtmfoodgroup.com . Any other questions or concerns regarding J.T.M. FoodGroup should be directed to our toll-free number at 800-626-2308.

For other questions or concerns relative to the recall, please contact your state director, FNS, or one of the contacts referenced in the USDA release.

We will update this site with information and further instructions as we receive them.

Thank you for your continued support. Sincerely,



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J.T.M. Products Produced with Westland
Meat Products - Revised 2/18/08

Item Description	Code # and Lot #	Production Date / Time
JTM Beef Chili Mac	5393CAAV 071455393CAAV	5/25/2007
JTM Beef Meatballs	CP5020 07235CP5020	8/23/2007
JTM Beef Meatballs	CP5020 07333CP5020	11/29/2007
JTM Beef Meatballs	CP5020 08002CP5020	1/2/2008
JTM Beef Meatballs	CP5021 07281CP5021	8/8/2007
JTM Beef Meatballs	CP5025 07281CP5025	10/8/2007
JTM Beef Meatballs	CP5025 07333CP5025	11/29/2007
JTM Beef Meatballs	CP5025 08002CP5025	1/2/2008
JTM Reduced Sodium Beef Meatballs	CP5030 07235CP5030	8/23/2007
JTM Reduced Sodium Beef Meatballs	CP5030 07333CP5030	11/29/2007
JTM Reduced Sodium Beef Meatballs	CP5030 08002CP5030	1/2/2008
JTM Reduced Sodium Beef Meatballs	CP5035 08002CP5035	1/2/2008
JTM Reduced Sodium Beef Meatballs	CP5038 07241CP5038	8/29/2007
JTM Beef Meatballs	CP5040 07241CP5040	8/29/2007
JTM Cheese Burger Mac	CP5151 07282CP5151	10/9/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Taco Filling	CP5219 07282CP5219	10/9/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Taco Filling	CP5219 07282CP5219	10/9/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Taco Filling	CP5219 07325CP5219	11/21/2007
JTM Low Fat, Reduced Sodium Taco Filling	CP5232 07295CP5232	10/22/2007 04:30 - 08:40
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Taco Filling	CP5234 07325CP5234	11/21/2007
JTM Hot Dog Chili	CP5320 07261CP5320	9/18/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Chili w/ Beans	CP5326 06236CP5326	7/24/2006
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Meat Sauce	CP5326 07261CP5326	9/18/2007
JTM Cincy Style Chili	CP5341 07261CP5341	9/18/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Sloppy Joe	CP5417 07261CP5417	9/18/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Sloppy Joe	CP545 07363CP545	12/29/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Taco Filling	CP550 07263CP550	9/20/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Taco Filling	CP550 07276CP550	10/3/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Taco Filling	CP550 07281CP550	10/8/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Taco Filling	CP550 07282CP550	10/9/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Taco Filling	CP550 07283CP550	10/10/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Taco Filling	CP550 07325CP550	11/21/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Taco Filling	CP550 07331CP550	11/27/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Taco Filling	CP550 07337CP550	12/3/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Taco Filling	CP550 08002CP550	1/2/2008
JTM Reduced Fat Drained Meat Sauce	CP5530 07261CP5530	9/18/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Drained Meat Sauce	CP5530 07284CP5530	10/11/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Spag Sauce	CP5578 07212CP5578	7/31/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Spag Sauce	CP5578 07260CP5578	9/17/2007
JTM Reduced Fat Beef Spag Sauce	CP5578 07333CP5578	11/29/2007
JTM Meat Sauce and Spag Pasta	CP5590 07276CP5590	10/3/2007
JTM Meat Sauce and Spag Pasta	CP5591 07276CP5591	10/3/2007
JTM Meat Sauce and Spag Pasta	CP5591 07331CP5591	11/27/2007
JTM Meat Sauce with Rotini Pasta	CP5593 07260CP5593	9/17/2007
JTM Meat Sauce with Rotini Pasta	CP5593 07291CP5593	10/18/2007
JTM Meat Sauce with Spag Pasta	CP5594 07240CP5594	8/28/2007
JTM Meat Sauce with Spag Pasta	CP5594 07260CP5597	9/17/2007



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Meat Products - Revised 2/18/08

Item Description	Code # and Lot #	Production Date / Time
JTM Beef Rib	CP5624 07228CP5624	8/16/2007
JTM Beef Rib	CP5624 07281CP5624	10/8/2007
JTM Beef Rib	CP5624 07291CP5624	10/18/2007
JTM Beef Taco Filling	CP563 07333CP563	11/29/2007
JTM Beef Meatloaf	CP5631 07233CP5631	8/21/2007
JTM Mesquite Beef Patty	CP5648 07264CP648	9/21/2007
JTM Char Beef Patty	CP5650 07285CP5650	10/12/2007
JTM Beef Breakfast Patty	CP5665 07281CP5665	10/8/2007
JTM Char Beef Patty with Cherries	CP5684 07264CP5684	9/21/2007
JTM Char Beef Patty with Cherries	CP5684 07299CP5684	10/26/2007
JTM Char Beef Patty with Cherries	CP5684 07318CP5684	11/14/2007
JTM Teryiaki Beef Meatballs	CP5851 07150CP5851	5/30/2007
JTM Teryiaki Beef Meatballs	CP5851 07268CP5851	5/30/2007
JTM Cooked Ground Beef	CP5872 07163CP5872	6/12/2007
JTM Cooked Ground Beef	CP5872 07232CP5872	8/20/2007