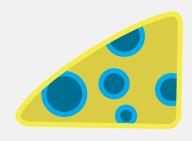
FDA FOOD RECALL EARLY ALERT



81 Days Until Recall 9 Illnesses in 6 States

Illnesses Include: 1 Infant Death, 2 Fetal Losses

July 28, 2014

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) notified FDA that it discovered Listeria monocytogenes (Lm) in one of the firm's cheese products, expiration date of September 27, 2014; the *Lm* found by VDACS was linked to Lm found in samples from ill persons. On July 31, the firm voluntarily Linked Illness recalled this cheese product 08/13/2014 with this expiration date.

_ Linked Illness [‡]

09/13/2013

Infant Death Linked to Illness

06/25/2014

Linked Illness 07/28/2014



August 1-22, 2014

FDA conducted an inspection at the firm's facility and collected environmental samples.

Fetal Loss* Linked to Illness

08/15/2014



August 22, 2014

FDA discovered Lm in environmental samples from the firm's facility; the Lm found by FDA was "indistinguishable" from the Lm found by VDACS.



September 11, 2014

In response to FDA's August 28 request, FDA received a brief response that "lacked significant supporting documentation.

September 24, 2014

August 28, 2014

clean facility.

FDA followed up with request

for status of firm's intention to

FDA was notified that the firm's private lab verbally reported Lm found in cheese samples. On October 6, the firm voluntarily conducted a local recall of another cheese product with best by dates of October 1, 2014, to October 8, 2014, and October 18, 2014. Linked Illness



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Sept. 24 -Oct. 1, 2014

Firm distributed 3,332 potentially adulterated units.



October 7, 2014

FDA began followup inspection, again revealing the presence of Lm.

10/08/2014

Fetal Loss Linked to Illness

10/11/2014

October 17, 2014

Firm voluntarily recalled all potentially adulterated cheese products with best by dates of July 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014.



Linked Illness

11/15/2014

Linked Illness 10/13/2014



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Source of Information: FDA recall files

- *According to FDA records, CDC linked two fetal losses to these illnesses.
- ‡ "Linked illness" represents the illness onset date for a person whose illness was linked to the firm's product.

Report: http://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region1/11501500.asp



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