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PENNSYLVANIA FIRM RECALLS BEEF PRODUCTS FOR POSSIBLE *E. COLI* O157: H7

WASHINGTON, April 20, 2007 – HFX, Inc., a South Claysburg, Penn., firm, is voluntarily recalling approximately 259,230 pounds of beef products due to possible contamination with *E. coli* O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

An investigation carried out by FSIS and the Pennsylvania Department of Health has linked several illnesses to steak products produced at the plant for Hoss's Family Steak and Sea Restaurants, a Pennsylvania-based restaurant chain. *E. coli* O157:H7 is a potentially deadly bacteria that can cause bloody diarrhea and dehydration. The very young, seniors and persons with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible to foodborne illness.

The following products subject to recall, 4,884 pounds, were produced on various dates between April 5, 2007 and April 19, 2007 and were distributed to retail stores in Pennsylvania.

- 4-pound boxes of "QUARTER POUND BEEF PATTIES." Each label bears the establishment number "EST. 19058" inside the USDA mark of inspection and the product code "2520."
- 4-pound boxes of "HALF POUND BUN BUSTER BEEF PATTIES." Each label bears the establishment number "EST. 19058" inside the USDA mark of inspection and the product code "2523."
- 4-pound boxes of "QUARTER POUND 100% BEEF BURGERS." Each label bears the establishment number "EST. 19058" inside the USDA mark of inspection and the product code "2525."
- 4-pound boxes of "12 ONE THIRD POUND BEEF PATTIES." Each label bears the establishment number "EST. 19058" inside the USDA mark of inspection and the product code "2526."

Media and consumers with questions about the recall should contact company Director of Marketing Bridget Bingman at (814) 693-3421.

Generally, steaks are not considered a high-risk source of *E. coli* O157: H7. However, the products subject to recall were injected with tenderizers and flavor-enhancing solutions, and that process may have transferred the bacteria from the surface to the inside of the product. FSIS reminds food preparers that mechanically tenderized beef products or those injected with a marinade or solution require a higher cooking temperature to achieve microbiological safety than steaks that are not mechanically tenderized. Therefore, these products should not be served "rare."

The Food Code, a national guidance document specific to foodservice, states that injected meats, including those mechanically tenderized, should be cooked to an internal temperature of 155°F for a minimum of 15 seconds as measured with a food thermometer.

The following products subject to recall were distributed only to restaurants in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, and are not sold through grocery stores, nor are they available to consumers in any other way. These products represent 254,346 pounds of the recall:

- 10.5-pound boxes of “PHILLY STYLE BEEF PORTIONS 28/6 OZ FROZEN.” Each label bears the product code “14544.”
- 10-pound boxes of “PHILLY STYLE BEEF PORTION BULK 2/5#.” Each label bears the product code “22802.”
- 27-pound boxes of “Hoss’s Beef Sirloin Steak, water and binder product 36/12 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2501.”
- 18-pound boxes of “House Cut Beef Sirloin Steak, water and binder product 36/8 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2502.”
- 22.5-pound boxes of “Cleaver Cut Beef Sirloin Steak, water and binder product 36/10 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2503.”
- 18-pound boxes of “Little Hoss’s Beef Sirloin Steak, water and binder product 48/6 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2504.”
- 18-pound boxes of “Hoss’s Own Beef Pattie 36/8 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2505.”
- 30-pound boxes of “Beef Tender Tips, water and binder product 6/5 lb.” Each label bears the product code “2506.”
- 19.5-pound boxes of “Formed Beef Tenderloin Filet Mignon, water and binder product 48/6.5 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2507.”
- 18.55-pound boxes of “Beef Pattie 56/5.3 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2510.”
- 11.25-pound boxes of “Sliced Beef Sirloin Steak Sandwich, water and binder product 6/6 packs.” Each label bears the product code “2512.”
- 12-pound boxes of “Beef Top Blade Flat Iron Steak, water and binder product 24/8 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2517-8.”
- 10-pound boxes of “Beef Pattie 80/2 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2519.”
- 12-pound boxes of “BEEF STEAK MEDALLIONS, water and binder product 4/3 LB.” Each label bears the product code “2527.”
- 18-pound boxes of “Oval Beef Pattie 48/6 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2528.”
- 12.5-pound boxes of “Beef Shortloin T-Bone Steak, water and binder product 10/20 oz.” Each label bears the product code “4508.”
- 16-pound boxes of “CHIPPED BEEF, water and binder product, BULK.” Each label bears the product code “8916.”
- 20-pound boxes of “BULK STEW BEEF AND BINDER PRODUCT 4/5 LB.” Each label bears the product code “9068.”
- 4.5-pound boxes of “Hoss’s Beef Sirloin Steak, water and binder product 6/12 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9501.”
- 3-pound boxes of “House Cut Beef Sirloin Steak, water and binder product 6/8 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9502.”

- 3.75-pound boxes of “Cleaver Cut Beef Sirloin Steak, water and binder product 6/10 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9503.”
- 4.5-pound boxes of “Little Hoss’s Beef Sirloin Steak, water and binder product 12/6 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9504.”
- 5-pound boxes of “Beef Tender Tips, water and binder product 1/5 lb.” Each label bears the product code “9506.”
- 2.4-pound boxes of “Formed Beef Tenderloin Filet Mignon, water and binder product 6/6.5.” Each label bears the product code “9507.”
- 20-ounce boxes of “Beef Shortloin T-Bone Steak, water and binder product 1/20 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9508.”
- 10-ounce boxes of “Pack FILET PRIME +FM 1/10 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “9509.”
- 30-ounce boxes of “Sliced Beef Sirloin Steak Sandwich, water and binder product.” Each label bears the product code “9512.”
- 2-pound boxes of “Beef Top Blade Flat Iron Steak, water and binder product 4/8 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9517-8.”
- 3-pound boxes of “BEEF STEAK MEDALLIONS, water and binder product 3 LB.” Each label bears the product code “9527.”
- Half-pound boxes of “Fully Cooked Seasoned Beef Round Carver with Juices, ½ lb.” Each label bears the product code “9531.”
- 28-ounce boxes of “Pack PORTERHOUSE PH 1/28 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “9588.”
- 18-pound boxes of “HOSS’s ‘HC’ STEAK THICK CUT 24/12 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “9912.”
- 20-pound boxes of “MEATLOAF, RAW 4/5#.” Each label bears the product code “9941.”
- 10-pound boxes of “HotBar COUNTRY STYLE RIBS 10 LB.” Each label bears the product code “9967.”
- 12.5-pound boxes of “CHIPPED BEEF, water and binder product 40/5 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “9998.”
- 20-pound boxes of “Beef Tender Tips 4/5 LB.” Each label bears the product code “F5955.”
- 20-pound boxes of “BULK PATTIE BEEF 4/5 LB.” Each label bears the product code “M055.”
- 16-pound boxes of “BEEF PATTIE, HOT BAR 64/4 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “MOKB84.”
- 31.8-ounce boxes of “BEEF PATTIES 6/5.3 oz.” Each label bears the product code “10001.”
- 1.96-pound packages of “BEEF PATTIE 85/15 OZ CRYOVAC 4 PACKS IQF.” Each label bears the product code “12245.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “BALL TIP STEAK 28/6 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12250.”
- 10-pound boxes of “BALL TIP STEAK 20/8 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12251.”
- 10-pound boxes of “BALL TIP STEAK 16/10 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12252.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “NEW YORK STRIP C/C 14/12 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12259.”
- 10-pound boxes of “NEW YORK STRIP C/C 10/16 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12263.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “TENDERLOIN 28/6 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12268.”
- 10-pound boxes of “TENDERLOIN 20/8 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12269.”
- 10.2-pound boxes of “TENDERLOIN 18/9 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12270.”

- 10-pound boxes of “TENDERLOIN STEAK CC 16/10 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12271.”
- 10-pound boxes of “RIB EYE STEAK L/O 20/8 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12276.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “RIB EYE STEAK L/O 14/12 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12278.”
- 10-pound boxes of “VEIN STEAKS 20/8 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12281.”
- 10-pound boxes of “T-BONE STEAK 10/16 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12286.”
- 10.2-pound boxes of “PORTERHOUSE STEAK 9/18 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12292.”
- 10-pound boxes of “PORTERHOUSE STEAK 8/20 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12293.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “TENDERLOIN STEAK HAND CUT CC 28/6 Z.” Each label bears the product code “12294.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “TENDERLOIN STEAK CC 24/7 Z.” Each label bears the product code “12295.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “TOP SIRLOIN BUTT STEAK 28/6 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12299.”
- 10-pound boxes of “TOP SIRLOIN BUTT STEAK 16/10 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12301.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “SWISS STEAK 56/3 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12307.”
- 10-pound boxes of “SWISS STEAK 40/4 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12308.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “SWISS STEAK 28/6 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12309.”
- 10-pound boxes of “SIRLOIN STRIPS/ STROGANOFF 2/5# FZ.” Each label bears the product code “12313.”
- 10-pound boxes of “TENDER TIPS BULK 10/1#” Each label bears the product code “12314.”
- 10-pound boxes of “TENDER TIPS 332/5 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12315.”
- 10-pound boxes of “SIRLOIN CUBES 1X1 2/5#.” Each label bears the product code “12317.”
- 10-pound boxes of “TOP SIRLOIN FILET STYLE 23/7 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12941.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “TOP SIRLOIN FILET STYLE 28/6 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “12942.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “PORTERHOUSE STEAK 7/24 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “13154.”
- 10-pound boxes of “BALL TIP STEAK-THICK 16/10 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “13808.”
- 10-pound boxes of “LEE GOLD SIRLOIN MR 10/16 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “13822.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “LEE GOLD SIRLOIN MR 16/10 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “13824.”
- 10-pound boxes of “LEE GOLD SIRLOIN MR 16/10 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “13825.”
- 10-pound boxes of “LEE GOLD SIRLOIN 20/8 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “13826.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “LEE GOLD SIRLOIN MR 28/6 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “13827.”
- 10-pound boxes of “LEE GOLD SIRLOIN 40/4 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “13828.”

- 10.5-pound boxes of “TOP SIRLOIN STRIP STYLE 26/8 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “14222.”
- 10-pound boxes of “Philly Style Beef Portions 40/4 oz.” Each label bears the product code “1454.”
- 9.93-pound boxes of “PHILLY STYLE BEEF PORTIONS 53/3 OZ FROZEN.” Each label bears the product code “14543.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “PHILLY STYLE BEEF PORTIONS 28/6 OZ FROZEN.” Each label bears the product code “14544.”
- 10-pound boxes of “PHILLY STYLE BEEF PORTIONS 40/4 OZ FROZEN.” Each label bears the product code “14545.”
- 10-pound boxes of “PHILLY STYLE BEEF PORTIONS 32/5 OZ FROZEN.” Each label bears the product code “14568.”
- 10-pound boxes of “BEEF PATTIE IQFF 40/4 OZ. 10 LB.” Each label bears the product code “15041.”
- 10-pound boxes of “BEEF JULIENNE STRIPS 2/5#” Each label bears the product code “14545.” Each label bears the product code “15289.”
- 10-pound boxes of “BEEF JULIENNE BURGUNDY STRIPS 10#.” Each label bears the product code “15617.”
- 5.25-pound boxes of “TENDERLOIN STEAK CC CO 14/6 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “18829.”
- 10-pound boxes of “Beef Pattie 40/4 oz.” Each label bears the product code “19023.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “Beef Pattie 28/6 oz.” Each label bears the product code “19024.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “Top Sirloin Filet Style Steak 14/12 oz.” Each label bears the product code “19024.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “Top Sirloin Filet Style Steak 14/12 oz.” Each label bears the product code “19210.”
- 10-pound boxes of “PHILLY STYLE BEEF PORTION BULK 2/5#.” Each label bears the product code “22802.”
- 10-pound boxes of “VEIN STEAKS 40/4.” Each label bears the product code “23503.”
- 10-pound boxes of “BEEF PATTIE 85/15 MIX 20/8 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “23722.”
- 10-pound boxes of “STEAK SANDWICH MEAT 40/4 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “23781.”
- 9.93-pound boxes of “STEAK SANDWICH MEAT 53/3 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “23783.”
- 10-pound boxes of “BEEF PATTIE IQF 80-20, 20/8 OZ BLK.” Each label bears the product code “23824.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “BEEF STEAK CHPD OVAL 85/15% 28/6 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “23993.”
- 10-pound boxes of “CUBE STEAK (FOR SWISS) ‘FRZ’ 40/4 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24011.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “BEEF RIB EYE SANDWICH INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED 28/6 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24077.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “BEEF RIBEYE SANDWICH MEAT 28/6 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24088.”
- 10-pound boxes of “TOP SIRLOIN MR 16/10 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24204.”
- 10-pound boxes of “TOP SIRLOIN MR 40/4 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24208.”

- 10.5-pound boxes of “T-BONE STEAK MR 14/12 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24216.”
- 10-pound boxes of “T-BONE STEAK MR 10/16 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24217.”
- 10-pound boxes of “TENDERLOIN MR FORMED 20/8 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24221.”
- 10-pound boxes of “RIB EYE STEAK MR 16/10 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24226.”
- 10-pound boxes of “RIB EYE STEAK MR 20/8 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24227.”
- 10-pound boxes of “RIB EYE STEAK MR 40/4 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24229.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “NY STRIP STEAK CC MR 12/14 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24250.”
- 10-pound boxes of “NY STRIP STEAK CC MR 16/10 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24252.”
- 12-pound boxes of “BEEF PATTIE IQFF 60/3.2 OZ 12 LB.” Each label bears the product code “24267.”
- 9.93-pound boxes of “BEEF, BURGER 80/20 IQF 30/5.3 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24268.”
- 10-pound boxes of “BEEF, PATTIE IQFF 10/16 OZ 10 LB.” Each label bears the product code “24269.”
- 10.5-pound boxes of “BEEF PATTIE IQF 28/6 OZ.” Each label bears the product code “24271.”
- 27-pound boxes of “Hoss’s Beef Sirloin Steak, water and binder product 38/12 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2501.”
- 18-pound boxes of “Little Hoss’s Beef Sirloin Steak, water and binder product 48/6 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2504.”
- 18-pound boxes of “Hoss’s Own Beef Pattie 36/8 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2505.”
- 19.5-pound boxes of “Formed Beef Tenderloin Filet Mignon, water and binder product 48/6.5 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2507.”
- 18.55-pound boxes of “Beef Pattie 56/5.3 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2510.”
- 12-pound boxes of “Beef Top Blade Flat Iron Steak, water and binder product 24/8 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2517-8.”
- 10-pound boxes of “Beef Pattie 80/2 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2519.”
- 18-pound boxes of “Oval Beef Pattie 48/6 oz.” Each label bears the product code “2528.”
- Various weight boxes of “SQUARE CUT TOP RND (CATCH WEIGHT).” Each label bears the product code “32403.”
- 10-pound boxes of “SIRLOIN GOLD 20/8 OZ ‘FROZEN’.” Each label bears the product code “3826.”
- 20-pound boxes of “BEEF, BULK GROUND 4/5#.” Each label bears the product code “8505.”
- 16-pound boxes of “CHIPPED BEEF, water and binder product, BULK 16LB.” Each label bears the product code “8916.”
- 5-pound boxes of “MEATLOAF, RAW 1/5#.” Each label bears the product code “8940.”
- 20-pound boxes of “BEEF STEW BEEF AND BINDER PRODUCT 4/5 lb.” Each label bears the product code “9066.”
- 4.5-pound boxes of “Hoss’s Beef Sirloin Steak, water and binder product 8/12 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9501.”
- 3.75-pound boxes of “Cleaver Cut Beef Sirloin Steak, water and binder product 6/10 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9503.”
- 4.5-pound boxes of “Little Hoss’s Beef Sirloin Steak, water and binder product 12/6 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9504.”

- 2.44-pound boxes of “Formed Beef Tenderloin Filet Mignon, water and binder product 6/6.5 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9507.”
- 3-pound boxes of “BEEF STEAK MEDALLIONS, water and binder product 3 lb.” Each label bears the product code “9527.”
- Half-pound boxes of “Fully Cooked Seasoned Beef Carver with Juices, ½ lb.” Each label bears the product code “9531.”
- 1-pound boxes of “Beef New York Striploin Steak 2/8 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9532.”
- 15-pound boxes of “mz RIB EYE STEAK SANDWICH 40/6 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9706SS.”
- 10-pound boxes of “ROUND BEEF PATTIE 20/8 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9708.”
- 10-pound boxes of “mz FILET MIGNON 10 oz. 4/4 CT.” Each label bears the product code “9710.”
- 15-pound boxes of “mz SIRLOIN STEAK 10 oz. 4/6 CT.” Each label bears the product code “9810.”
- 12-pound boxes of “mz NEW YORK STRIP C/C 12 oz. 4/4 CNT.” Each label bears the product code “9812.”
- 18-pound boxes of “mz SIRLOIN STEAK UNMARINATED 24/12 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9913.”
- 20-pound boxes of “MEATLOAF, RAW 4/5#.” Each label bears the product code “9941.”
- Various weight boxes of “LIGHT FILET MIGNON 6 CNT.” Each label bears the product code “9956.”
- 10-pound boxes of “HotBar COUNTRY STYLE RIBS 10 lb.” Each label bears the product code “9967.”
- 12.5-pound boxes of “CHIPPED BEEF, water and binder product 40/5 oz.” Each label bears the product code “9998.”
- 12-pound boxes of “d CP89 BEEF TENDERLOIN 24/8.” Each label bears the product code “CP89.”
- 20-pound boxes of “BULK PATTIE BEEF 4/5 lb.” Each label bears the product code “M055.”
- 16-pound boxes of “BEEF PATTIE, HOT BAR 64/4 oz.” Each label bears the product code “M0KB64.”
- 5.25-pound boxes of “BEEF PATTIE 14/6 oz.” Each label bears the product code “M2511.”
- 1-pound boxes of “mz MEATBALLS, 2 oz. IQF 1/15 lb.” Each label bears the product code “MB001.”

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.

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USDA RECALL CLASSIFICATIONS

Class I This is a health hazard situation where there is a reasonable probability that the use of the product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or death.

Class II This is a health hazard situation where there is a remote probability of adverse health consequences from the use of the product.

Class III This is a situation where the use of the product will not cause adverse health consequences.