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RECALL ON GENERAL MILLS FROZEN PIZZAS UNDER BRAND NAMES TOTINO'S AND JENO'S

HONOLULU – The Hawai`i State Department of Health (DOH) is advising consumers not to eat General Mills frozen meat pizzas sold under the brand names of Totino's and Jeno's. These products could potentially be contaminated with E. *coli* O157:H7; a bacterium that can cause severe gastrointestinal illness.

The DOH has received no confirmed reports of illness in Hawai`i associated with this product. However there have been 21 reported cases of E. *coli* O157:H7 illness associated with this product in 10 other states.

Each package bears the establishment number "EST. 7750" inside the USDA mark of inspection as well as a "best if used by" date on or before "02 APR 08 WS." Consumers are urged to check their freezers to ensure they don't have this product and to discard them if found.

The following products are subject to recall:

Totino's The Original Crisp Crust Party Pizza Pepperoni

Totino's The Original Crisp Crust Party Pizza, Classic Pepperoni

Totino's The Original Crisp Crust Party Pizza, Pepperoni Trio

Totino's The Original Crisp Crust Party Pizza, Combination Sausage & Pepperoni

Totino's The Original Crisp Crust Party Pizza, Three Meat Sausage, Canadian Style Bacon & Pepperoni

Totino's The Original Crisp Crust Party Pizza, Supreme Sausage & Pepperoni Pizza With Green Peppers & Onions

JENO'S CRISP 'N TASTY PIZZA, PEPPERONI

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E. coli O157:H7 is a potentially deadly bacterium that can cause bloody diarrhea, stomach cramps, and dehydration. The disease can sometimes lead to hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) which can lead to kidney failure and death. People typically become ill two to five days after eating contaminated food. People who have developed these symptoms after consuming this product should contact their physician immediately.

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Consumers are reminded to always thoroughly cook all products that are not ready-to-eat, such as frozen pizzas and to follow all package instructions.

Consumers with questions about the recall should contact the company Consumer Hotline at (800) 949-9055. Media with questions about the recall should contact company Director of Communications Tom Forsythe at (763) 764-6364.

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