

Recall Release

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Editor's Note

This recall was updated on July 31, 2005 to include an additional 90,000 pounds of products due to possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination, bringing the total amount of recalled product to approximately 93,200 pounds. The additional products were packaged between July 1 and July 29, 2005 and were distributed to retail stores and institutions nationwide. The company expanded the recall based on additional FSIS sampling.

NEW YORK FIRM EXPANDS RECALL OF PRODUCTS FOR POSSIBLE LISTERIA CONTAMINATION

WASHINGTON, July 31, 2005 – Ilyssa Manufacturing Corporation, a Brooklyn, NY, firm, is voluntarily

expanding its recall of July 28, 2005, to include an additional 90,000 pounds of products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced today. On July 28, the firm recalled approximately 3,200 pounds of ready-to-eat chicken products.

The following products subject to the expanded recall were distributed to retail stores nationwide:

- 10 oz. packages of "Gourmet Garage, To Go, Spa Select, Grilled Chicken Strips with Apples & Vegetables"
- 10 oz. packages of "Gourmet Garage, To Go, Tortellini & Chicken"
- 12 oz. packages of "Gourmet Garage, To Go, Turkey Meatballs in Marinara Sauce"
- 12 oz. packages of "Gourmet Garage, To Go, Turkey Meatloaf"
- 12 oz. packages of "Gourmet Garage, To Go, Chicken Paella with Orzo"
- 10 oz. packages of "Gourmet Garage, To Go, Chicken Parmesan"
- 12 oz. packages of "Gourmet Garage, To Go, Grilled Chicken Strips"
- 7 oz. packages of "Gourmet Garage, To Go, Balsamic Grilled Chicken"
- 12 oz. packages of "Gourmet Garage, To Go, Beef Meatballs in Marinara Sauce"
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Recommendations for people at risk for Listeriosis

Wash hands with warm, soapy water before and after handling raw meat and poultry for at least 20 seconds. Wash cutting boards, dishes and utensils with hot, soapy water. Immediately clean spills.

Keep raw meat, fish and poultry away from other food that will not be cooked. Use separate cutting boards for raw meat, poultry and egg products and cooked foods.

Do not eat hot dogs, luncheon meats, bologna or other deli meats unless reheated until steaming hot.

Do not eat refrigerated pate, meat spreads from a meat counter or smoked seafood found in the refrigerated section of the store. Foods that don't need refrigeration, like canned tuna and canned salmon, are safe to eat. Refrigerate after opening.

Do not drink raw (unpasteurized) milk and do not eat foods that have unpasteurized milk in them.

Do not eat salads made in the store such as ham salad, chicken salad, egg salad, tuna salad or seafood salad.

Do not eat soft cheeses such as Feta, quesco blanco, quesco fresco, Brie, Camembert cheeses, blue-veined cheeses and Panela unless it is labeled as made with pasteurized milk.

Use precooked or ready-to-eat food as soon as you can. *Listeria* can grow in the refrigerator and in refrigerated products. The refrigerator should be 40 °F or lower and the freezer 0°F or lower. Use an appliance thermometer to check the temperature of your refrigerator.

- 12 oz. packages of "Gourmet Garage, To Go, Beef Meatloaf"
- 7 oz. packages of "Gourmet Garage, To Go, Lemon Grilled Chicken"
- 12 oz. packages of "Gourmet Garage, To Go, Meat Lasagna"
- 10 oz. packages of "Gourmet Garage, To Go, Sesame Chicken Noodles"
- Various weights and sizes of "Under 10, Balsamic Chicken & Provolone Wrap"
- Various weights and sizes of "Under 10, Smoked Turkey Wrap"
- Various weights and sizes of "Under 10, Roast Turkey & Black Forest Ham Wrap"
- Various weights and sizes of "Under 10, Cajun Chicken Wrap"
- 12 oz. packages of "Lemon Herb Grilled Chicken"
- 12 oz. packages of "Turkey Meatloaf"
- 12 oz. packages of "Chicken Fajita"
- 12 oz. packages of "Teriyaki Grilled Chicken"
- 12 oz. packages of "Plain Grilled Chicken"
- 12 oz. packages of "Chicken Parmigiana"
- 12 oz. packages of "Grilled Chicken & Pasta Primavera"
- 12 oz. packages of "Grilled Chicken Strips"
- 12 oz. packages of "Pesto Grilled Chicken"
- 12 oz. packages of "Italian Balsamic Grilled Chicken Strips"
- 12 oz. packages of "Chicken Fingers with Honey Mustard Dressing"
- 12 oz. packages of "Italian Balsamic Grilled Chicken"
- 12 oz. packages of "Barbeque Grilled Chicken"
- Various weights and sizes of "Grilled Italian Chicken Wrap"
- Various weights and sizes of "Chicken Parmigiana Wrap"
- Various weights and sizes of "Chicken Caesar Wrap"
- Various weights and sizes of "Cajun Chicken Wrap"
- Various weights and sizes of "Turkey & Swiss Wrap"
- Various weights and sizes of "Smoked Turkey & Sundried Tomato Wrap"
- Various weights and sizes of "Meatball Parmagiana Wrap"
- Various weights and sizes of "Italian 'Hero' Wrap"
- 12 oz. packages of "Chicken Bruschetta Salad"
- 12 oz. packages of "Chicken Paella With Orzo"
- 12 oz. packages of "Southwest Chicken Fajita"
- 8 oz. packages of "Dijon Chicken Salad"
- 8 oz. packages of "Curried Chicken Salad"

The following products are labeled as from Ilyssa Manufacturing:

- 12 piece packages of "Plain Turkey Burgers." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 20 2005."
- 10 piece packages of "BBQ Turkey Burgers." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 20 2005."
- 8 piece packages of "The Staten Italy Wrapini." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 22 2005."
- 8 piece packages of "The Sicilian Popeye Wrapini." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 22 2005."
- 8 piece packages of "Cuban Stallion Wrapini." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 22 2005."
- 8 piece packages of "Asian Dragon Wrapini." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 21 2005."
- 5 pound packages of "Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken in a Teriyaki Style Sauce." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 20, 2005."
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- 4 pound packages of "Tandoori Grilled Chicken." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 7 2005."
- 5 pound packages of "Grilled Chicken, Tortellini & Sundried Tomatoes." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 19 2005."
- 4 pound packages of "BBQ Pulled Pork." The labels bear the sell-by date "JULY 25 2005."
- 4.5 pound packages of "Grilled Chicken Strips." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 19 2005."
- 5 pound packages of "Grilled Chicken, Tortellini & Roasted Red Peppers." The labels bear the sell-by date "JULY 31 2005."
- 5 pound packages of "Saffron Orzo Chicken Salad." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 31 2005."
- 5 pound packages of "Southwest Chicken Salad." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 18 2005."
- 5 pound packages of "Grilled Chicken Salad." The labels bear the sell-by date "SEP 02.05."
- 4 pound packages of "Breaded Chicken Breast Fingers." The labels bear the sell-by date "SEP 02.05."
- 5 pound packages of "Beef Meatloaf." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 04.05."
- 5 pound packages of "Boneless Breast of Chicken Stuffed Spinach & Mushrooms." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 22.05."
- 5 pound packages of "PM Chicken Breast Stuffed With Eggplant Parmigiana." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 29.05."
- 10 piece packages of "Chicken and Vegetable Wrap." The labels bear the sell-by date "SEP 02.05."
- 10 piece packages of "Chicken Quesadillas." The labels bear the sell-by date "SEP 02.05."
- 10 piece packages of "Mexican Style Chicken Burrito." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 23.05."
- 5 pound packages of "Turkey Meatballs n Red Sauce." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 20.05."
- 5 pound packages of "Beef Meatballs." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 23.05."
- 12 piece packages of "Rice Balls." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 23.05."
- 6 pound packages of "Meat Lasagna." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 06.05."
- 6 pound packages of "Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 20.05."
- 4 pound packages of "Breaded Chicken Breast Cutlet." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 23.05."
- 6 pound packages of "Turkey Meatloaf in Red Sauce." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 05.05."
- 6 piece packages of "Breaded Chicken with Ham and Swiss Cheese 'Cordon Bleu' Style." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 23.05."
- 5 pound packages of "Chicken Breast Dijon Salad." The labels bear the sell-by date "SEP 02.05."
- 5 pound packages of "Homestyle Chicken Salad." The labels bear the sell-by date "SEP 02.05."
- 6 pound packages of "Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken in a Balsamic Flavored Sauce." The labels bear the sell-by date "SEP 02.05."
- 6 pound packages of "Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken in a Pesto Sauce." The labels bear the sell-by date "SEP 02.05."
- 5 pound packages of "Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken Cajun Style, with Tomato Sauce." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 27.05."
- 5 pound packages of "Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken with Lemon Sauce." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 27.05."
- 5 pound packages of "Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken in a Teriyaki Sauce." The labels bear the sell-by date "SEP 02.05."
- 5 pound packages of "Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 25.05."
- 5 pound packages of "Sesame Flavored Noodles with Chicken Breast." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 29.05."
- 6 pound packages of "Chicken Breast Curry Salad." The labels bear the sell-by date "SEP 02.05."
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- 6 pound packages of "Chicken Breast Salad, Arizona Brand, Made in New York." The labels bear the sell-by

date "SEP 02.05."

- 6 pound packages of "Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken in a Barbeque Flavored Sauce." The labels bear the sell-by date "SEP 02.05."
- 8 piece packages of "Simple Pleasure Wrapini." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 09 2005."
- 6 pound packages of "Chicken Marsala." The labels bear the sell-by date "JULY 3 2005."
- 6 pound packages of "Chicken Franciase." The labels bear the sell-by date "JULY 3 2005."
- 8 piece packages of "Turkey, Swiss & Cranberry Wrap." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 05 2005."
- 8 piece packages of "Southwest Chicken Wrap." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 05 2005."
- 8 piece packages of "Chicken Cordon Blue Wrap." The labels bear the sell-by date "AUG 05 2005."

Each package bears the establishment number "P-19629" inside the USDA seal of inspection. The products were produced on various dates from July 1 to July 29.

The products subject to the July 28 recall are:

- 16 oz. packages of "Chef Pronto, Tortellini with Grilled Chicken and Sun-dried Tomatoes."
- 12 oz. packages of "Chef Pronto, Grilled Chicken with Balsamic Vinegar and Rosemary."
- 12 oz. packages of "Chef Pronto, Grilled Lemon Pepper Chicken."
- 12 oz. packages of "Chef Pronto, Grilled Chicken Strips."

Products subject to the July 28 recall bear the sell-by date "AUG 0205" and establishment number "P-19629" inside the USDA seal of inspection.

The products were produced between July 1 and July 29 and were distributed to retail establishments in Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

The problem was discovered through a FSIS sampling program. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products.

Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis. However, listeriosis can cause 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.

Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact company President Jeffrey Levi at (718) 625-4180.

Consumers with food safety questions can call the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at (888) 674-6854. The hotline 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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"Ask Karen" is the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day to answer your questions at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Food_Safety_Education/Ask_Karen/index.asp#Question.

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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.