

Health **FAX**

HEALTH HAZARD ALERT: Food Recall of Certain “The Gourmet Meat Shoppe” and “The Butcher’s Cut” brands of Frozen Beef Burgers Due to Possible Contamination with E. coli O157:H7

Attention: **Acute Care Infection Control Practitioners, Long Term Care Facilities, Rest and Retirement Homes, and Child Care Centres**

Date: **Wednesday, February 20, 2013**

This fax is a notification that, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) issued a health hazard alert regarding certain brands of frozen beef burgers that may contain *E.coli O157:H7* bacteria.

These frozen beef burgers are distributed under the brand names “The Gourmet Meat Shoppe” and “The Butcher’s Cut”. Please review the complete listing of the alert, the affected products as well as corresponding lot codes. Any further updates can be found at the CFIA website:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/corpaaffr/recarapp/2013/20130219e.shtml>

For your convenience we’ve attached the affected product list and codes as of February 20, 2013.

A copy of this information should be directed immediately to Food Services/Dietary Departments to ensure that the facility’s food supply has been promptly checked, and that any affected product is quickly identified and removed from service.

This recall is the result of E. coli O157:H7 product testing by the CFIA related to an ongoing outbreak investigation. The CFIA is currently conducting a food safety investigation at the producing facility to determine if any additional products may be affected. It is our understanding that in Ontario these products may have been distributed by Canada Safeway Limited to institutional settings. We have been requested by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term care to alert you to this health hazard and product recall. Please forward this information to your Food Services/Dietary Manager in order to check your food service inventories, and to *confirm* that you do not have this product available for your clients, staff and / or patrons.

If you do have this product please immediately remove the product from service or sale, and notify the Public Health Inspector on our Health Connection line, 705-721 7520 or toll free at 1 877 721 7520.

For more information on E.coli please visit:

<http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/DiseaseInformation/CommunicableDiseaseFactSheets/Vtec.aspx>