

# Health **FAX**

## **HEALTH HAZARD ALERT: Certain beef burger mix produced by INTERCITY PACKERS (EAST) LTD (Est. 503) may contain Salmonella bacteria**

Attention: **Hospital Infection Control Practitioners, Day Nurseries, Long Term Care Homes, and Rest and Retirement Homes**  
Date: Tuesday April 10, 2012

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Intercity Packers (East) Ltd are warning the public and all distributors and food service establishments not to consume, sell, serve or use the beef burger meat mix described below because the product may be contaminated with Salmonella bacteria. This product has been distributed to public and commercial food establishments in Ontario and Newfoundland.

The affected products involved can be identified by the Establishment number (Est. 503) that appears on outer cases. The affected product, Intercity Packers Ltd brand Beef Burger Meat Mix 80/20, is sold in 5 kg cases (each case containing 2 x 2.5 kg units) bearing UPC 90066172180172 and lot code 046. Chubs inside the case do not carry any label.

A current list of all the affected product and further CFIA updates on this alert are available at:  
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/corpaffr/reclarapp/2012/20120406e.shtml>

**A copy of this information should be printed from the CFIA website and directed to Dietary Departments to ensure that your facility food supply has been checked, and that any affected product is quickly identified and removed from service.** The CFIA website should also be checked periodically for new information as it becomes available. If you require a printed copy of the current information to be faxed to you, please contact our Health Connection Public Health Inspector information line at 705-721-7520.

There is currently an ongoing food safety investigation of an outbreak of salmonella cases which involves provincial and local public health authorities working in collaboration with CFIA, Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

It is our understanding that this beef burger meat mix product may have been distributed in Ontario to high risk institutions. We have been requested by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to alert you to this 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 contact your supplier for disposal instructions.**

Salmonellosis is a reportable and communicable disease. Please report all suspect and confirmed cases of salmonellosis to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Communicable Disease Team at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 extension 8809 (after hours at 1-888-225-7851).

Information regarding Salmonella infections is available on the health unit website at:  
<http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/DiseaseInformation/CommunicableDiseaseFactSheets/Salmonella.aspx>