

# Health **FAX**

## **HEALTH HAZARD ALERT: Certain ground beef products produced at Establishment # 761 may contain E. coli 0157:H7**

Attention: **Hospital Infection Control Practitioners, Long Term Care Homes, and Rest and Retirement Homes**

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2012

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is warning the public and all retailers, distributors and restaurants not to consume, sell, serve or use certain ground beef products from Establishment 761 because the products may be contaminated with E. coli 0157:H7. All ground beef products are being voluntarily recalled that were manufactured between July 1, 2011 and February 15, 2012.

The affected products involved can be identified by the Establishment number (EST 761) that appears on packages, cartons or cases. Affected products involved in the recall may be identified by one of the following codes:

1. bearing a Best before date from BB 2012 JA 01 up to and including a BB 2013 FE 15;
2. bearing a production code with a format of 11 JL 01 up to and including 12 FE 15;
3. bearing a 5 digit lot code where the last four digits are 1831 or greater.

A current list of all the affected products and further CFIA updates are available at:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/corppaffr/recarapp/2012/20120319cliste.shtml>

**A copy of this information, and the list of products affected should be accessed from the CFIA website and directed to Dietary Departments to ensure that the 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 has been one reported illness associated with the consumption of this product at this time.

It is our understanding that these products 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.**

E. coli 0157:H7 is a reportable and communicable disease. Please report all suspect and confirmed cases of E coli 0157:H7 to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Communicable Disease Team at 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 extension 8809 (after hours at 1-888-225-7851).

Information regarding E. coli 0157:H7 is available on the health unit website at:

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