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**From:** Feeding America National Office [communication@feedingamerica.org]  
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**Subject:** Recall Notice: Azteca Linda Corp. Recalls QUESO FRESCO and QUESO HEBRA Because of Possible Risk of Health, July 1, 2010

 **RECALL NOTICE**

*The following message is being sent to all authorized member recall personnel.*

**Recall -- Firm Press Release**

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**Azteca Linda Corp. Recalls QUESO FRESCO and QUESO HEBRA Because of Possible Risk of Health**

**Contact:**  
718-418-7459

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - July 01, 2010 - Azteca Linda Corp. of Brooklyn, NY, is recalling **QUESO FRESCO (FRESH WHITE CHEESE)** and **QUESO HEBRA (FRESH WHITE STRING CHEESE)** with an **expiration date of July 7, 2010** because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, Listeria infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

QUESO FRESCO (FRESH WHITE CHEESE) and QUESO HEBRA (FRESH WHITE STRING CHEESE) were distributed within New York State (Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, Bronx, Newburgh) and to Bayonne, New Jersey through retail stores between the dates of June 7, 2010 and June 9, 2010.

QUESO FRESCO (FRESH WHITE CHEESE) is packed in a hard plastic container or wrapped in aluminum foil labeled with the brand name **Queso El Azteca**, **UPC 0 23986 92692 8**, and **expiration date July 7, 2010.** QUESO HEBRA (FRESH WHITE STRING CHEESE) is packaged in a vacuum sealed plastic bag, Net Weight 14 oz. and Net Weight 5 lbs., and labeled with the brand **Queso El Azteca (Queso Oaxaca)** with the **expiration date of July 7, 2010.**

No illnesses have been reported to date.

The recall was the result of environmental sampling and inspection by the FDA which revealed that certain areas within the facility contained the bacteria. We are recalling QUESO FRESCO (FRESH WHITE CHEESE) and QUESO HEBRA (FRESH WHITE STRING CHEESE) with expiration date July 7, 2010 as a precaution to keep the

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public safe.

Consumers who have purchased QUESO FRESCO (FRESH WHITE CHEESE) and QUESO HEBRA (FRESH WHITE STRING CHEESE) with expiration date of JULY 7, 2010 are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Azteca Linda Corp. at 718-418-7459, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 4 pm EDT.

- **We believe that none of the products being recalled were processed or offered through the national office.**
- We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.
- ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.
- For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

For full details on the recall, please visit: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm217902.htm>

If you have questions, please contact William Hellman, Director of Food Safety, at [whellman@feedingamerica.org](mailto:whellman@feedingamerica.org) or 312.641.6875.

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