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From: Feeding America National Office [communication@feedingamerica.org]
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Subject: Recall Notice: Illinois Firm Recalls Imported Beef Products Due to Potential Animal Drug Contaminant, June 24, 2010

 **RECALL NOTICE**

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

Illinois Firm Recalls Imported Beef Products Due to Potential Animal Drug Contaminant

**Recall Release CLASS II RECALL
FSIS-RC-039-2010 HEALTH RISK: LOW**

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WASHINGTON, June 24, 2010 - Sampco, Inc., a Chicago, Ill., establishment is recalling approximately 61,000 pounds of cooked canned and frozen beef products that may contain the animal drug Ivermectin, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced today.

On May 14, 2010, FSIS issued Recall News Release FSIS-RC-033-2010, a Class II recall with low health risk, which also announced the agency was taking a number of actions regarding lots of cooked beef from Brazil after the agency found that they may contain the animal drug Ivermectin. Ivermectin is a broad-spectrum antiparasitic and is used as a de-worming agent in live animals. FSIS routine point of entry testing had discovered samples of cooked beef product from Brazil that were produced on January 20, 2010, that exceeded the tolerance level established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration in beef muscle. While that product was not permitted entry into the U.S., FSIS subsequently determined that associated product may have entered the country separately, resulting in today's recall.

Based on Brazil's voluntary suspension of export for cooked beef products, FSIS has broadened its ongoing investigation. FSIS may take further regulatory action as it continues its investigation.

FSIS is also alerting consumers although the agency has received no reports of illness or adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact a physician. Consumers who have purchased any of these products should return them to their point of purchase.

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The following products are subject to recall: [View Labels (PDF Only)]

12 oz. cans of "Deltina CORNED BEEF WITH JUICES" with the production code "100120" inkjetted on the top of the can. These products were sent to a distribution center in Florida for retail sales.

12 oz. cans of "Hormel CORNED BEEF WITH NATURAL JUICES" with the production code "100120" inkjetted on the top of the can. These products were sent to distribution centers in Guam for retail sales.

35 lb. boxes of frozen "SEASONED COOKED BEEF." These products were distributed to federal establishments for further processing.

35 lb. boxes of "Sampco Brand FROZEN COOKED BEEF, Salt Added." These products were distributed to federal establishments for further processing.

Each product package bears "BRASIL 337 S.I.F," as well as "Product of Brazil" or "Packed under Brazilian Government Inspection." The products subject to recall were produced in Brazil on January 20, 2010.

Media and consumer questions regarding the recall should contact the company hotline at (800) 685-6328.

FSIS is responsible for assuring that imported meat, poultry and egg products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. FSIS randomly samples products at ports for drug and chemical residues. FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) 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.

- **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.fsis.usda.gov/News & Events/Recall 039 2010 Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_039_2010_Release/index.asp)

If you have questions, please contact William Hellman, Director of Food Safety, at whellman@feedingamerica.org or 312.641.6875.