



## **Chicken and Pork Hot Dog Products Recalled Due to Potential Health Hazard**

September 29, 2021 - The Kane County Health Department is advising that Espi's Sausage and Tocino Co., a Seattle, Wash. establishment, is recalling approximately 2,048 pounds of frozen ready-to-eat chicken and pork hot dog products that may be adulterated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The frozen ready-to-eat chicken and pork hot dog product was produced on May 19, 2021. The following products are subject to recall:

12-oz vacuum packed plastic packages containing "Argentina MIGHTY MEATY CHICKEN AND PORK HOTDOG JUMBO" and SELL BY 051922.

The products subject to recall bear establishment number "EST. P-17524" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to a distributor in California and further distributed to retail locations.

The problem was discovered by FSIS during an assessment of the establishment's sampling records that indicated the firm received confirmation from their third-party lab that a product contact surface had returned positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a healthcare provider.

Consumption of food contaminated with *L. monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, a serious infection that primarily affects older adults, persons with weakened immune systems, and pregnant women and their newborns. Less commonly, persons outside these risk groups are affected.

Listeriosis can cause fever, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance and convulsions sometimes preceded by diarrhea or other gastrointestinal symptoms. An invasive infection spreads beyond the gastrointestinal tract. In pregnant women, the infection can cause miscarriages, stillbirths, premature delivery or life-threatening infection of the newborn. In addition, serious and sometimes fatal infections in older adults and persons with weakened immune systems. Listeriosis is treated with antibiotics. Persons in the higher-risk categories who experience flu-like symptoms within two months after eating contaminated food should seek medical care and tell the health care provider about eating the contaminated food.

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FSIS is concerned that some product may be in consumers' freezers. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

Media and consumers with questions regarding the recall can contact Ester Somintac, Plant Manager for Espi's Sausage and Tocino Co., at (206) 722-3365 or [espisfood@yahoo.com](mailto:espisfood@yahoo.com).

The Kane County Health Department has an abundance of information about food safety online at [KaneHealth.com/Pages/Food-Safety.aspx](http://KaneHealth.com/Pages/Food-Safety.aspx).

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