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Food Safety Expanded Recall of Soy Deli Brand Tofu Products
Principal Investigator: Jerry LeMoine
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INCIDENT

- The California Department of Public Health, today warned consumers, particularly infants, young children and pregnant women, not to eat "Soy Deli" brand tofu products identified in an expanded recall of products manufactured by Quong Hop and Co. of South San Francisco because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, a dangerous bacteria that may cause serious health problems. The expanded recall now includes all of the products identified below and with date codes as listed below.

Date Code	Product	Package Size
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Five Spice Baked Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Hickory Baked Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Honey Sesame Baked Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Teriyaki Baked Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Savory Baked Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Mesquite Smoked Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Hawaiian Style Fried Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Nigari Vacuum Pack Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Original Burger	6 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Garden Burger	6 ounce



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1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Barbeque Burger	6 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Teriyaki Burger	6 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Cajun Burger	6 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Nigari Vacuum Pack Tofu	12 ounce
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Water Packed Tofu – Orange	12 ounce
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Water Packed Tofu – Blue	12 ounce
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Water Packed Tofu – Red	12 ounce
11/28/07 or before	Quong Hop Water Packed Tofu – Red	16 ounce
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Nigari Tofu	30 ounce
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli (Bulk) Nigari Tofu	10 pound
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Nigari Tofu – Medium	10 pound
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Nigari Tofu – 54 piece	10 pound
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Nigari Tofu – Firm	10 pound and 25 pound

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTION

- Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Staff has contacted retail stores that were identified in distribution lists provided by Quong Hop and Co. to verify that the expanded recalled products were pulled from shelves.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Consumers who purchased these products should immediately discard them or return them to the point of purchase.

INFORMATION

- *Listeria monocytogenes* is a bacterial organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in newborns, the elderly and persons with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as fever, headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women. Consumers with any of these symptoms should call their physician.
- These recalled products were distributed to supermarkets and natural food stores on the West Coast and throughout the Midwest. In California, the products were distributed to the following chain stores statewide: Albertsons, Andronicos, Lunardi, Mollie Stones, Pavilion, PW Markets, Ralphs, Safeway, Save Mart, Stater Bros, Vons and Whole Foods Market. No illnesses have been reported in association with these products.

Last month's recall was initiated after routine surveillance sampling conducted by the Washington State Department of Agriculture's Food Safety Program detected *Listeria monocytogenes* in a 12-ounce package of "Soy Deli Firm Organic Nigari Tofu." The latest recall was expanded to include all tofu products that bear the use by dates previously referenced and all use by dates prior to these dates after additional laboratory analysis confirmed *Listeria monocytogenes* in recently manufactured products.

Additional Information

- Consumers with questions can call Quong Hop at 1-650-553-9900 or the Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Service at (831) 454-2022.
- www.santacruzhealth.org/alerts for informational updates and other alerts