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Dear CACFP Institutions & Happy Helpings Sponsors,

Beginning October 9, 2024, BrucePac (Est. 51205/P-51205) recalled nearly 12 million of ready-to-eat (RTE) meat and poultry products due to Listeria monocytogenes contamination. The ready-to-eat meat and poultry items were produced from June 19, 2024, to October 8, 2024.

These products were shipped to other establishments and distributors nationwide then distributed to restaurants and institutions. **This recall does not involve USDA Foods**. A copy of the recall release can be found here: <u>USDA Food and Safety and Inspection</u>
Service (FSIS) Recall Release.

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. There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to the consumption of these products.

FNS was recently informed that schools located across seven states (IA, FL, MI, OH, KY, WV, and WI) received recalled product through commercial channels. Schools are encouraged to check their inventory for recalled products. Georgia DECAL recommends both schools and CACFP/SFSP facilities also check their inventory as a precaution.

FSIS is continuing to gather distribution information and is committed to ensuring consumers have the information needed to identify recalled products effectively. Instructions on how to search the **product and label information** list have been added to the document.

Regards, Nutrition Services

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