



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

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To: Local Directors of Health
Chief Sanitarians
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Subject: **Public Health Alert of Ready-To-Eat Deli Meats Due to *Listeria Monocytogenes***

The United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is warning consumers to avoid various deli meats produced by Zadi Foods Ltd., CFIA Establishment 665, located in Brampton, Ontario that are subject to a current recall in Canada due to *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination. It is believed that the recalled product was also exported and distributed nationally within the United States.

The deli meats affected would have been sold to customers at retail stores through the deli counter. These products include but are not limited to the following:

- "Casa Italia Gastronomia Prosciutto"
- "Casa Italia Gastronomia Prosciutto Boneless"
- "Casa Italia Gastronomia Prosciutto Mattonella"
- "Casa Italia Prosciutto Boneless"
- "Casa Italia Prosciutto Boneless Sliced"
- "Casa Italia Prosciutto Ham Sliced"
- "Emma Dry Prosciutto"

All lots and production dates for the above-listed products are subject to this public health alert.

You are urged to share the above information with the retail and food service establishments in your jurisdiction that are likely to sell or use the recalled products and to prioritize follow-up with establishments that serve highly susceptible populations especially in schools, day care, health care, elderly feeding programs, etc.

Consumers reporting illness should be advised to contact their primary care physician for proper follow-up and treatment. Local health department staff that receive calls from consumers with possible foodborne illness after consumption of this product should follow the usual procedure of completing the 3-page Alert form and faxing it to the FPP within 24 hours at (860) 509-8071.

The USDA FSIS announcement can be viewed at:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/NR_051010_02/index.asp

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