

International Commissary Corporation Issues Voluntary Recall of Marie Callender's Cheese Biscuit Mix Due To Possible Health Risk

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Announcement

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San Jose, CA. - International Commissary Corporation (ICC) has issued a voluntary recall of certain lots of two retail products: Marie Callender's 7oz & 14oz Cheese Biscuit Mix. The 7 oz recalled product has Best By dates of 3/22/17 and 5/17/17 and was sold in retail stores in the following states - AL, CA, WA, UT, and TX. The 14 oz recalled product has a Best Buy date of 6/17/17 and was sold only in Stockton, CA.

Most strains of *E. coli* are harmless, however, others can make you sick. *E. coli* O121 is a potentially deadly bacterium that can cause bloody diarrhea and dehydration. People who experience these symptoms should seek emergency medical care immediately. The very young, seniors, and those with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible to food borne illness. Anyone diagnosed by a physician as having an illness related to *E. coli* O121 should contact state and local public health authorities.

ICC was notified by a supplier that an ingredient contains flour which was recalled by General Mills because it may be contaminated with *E. coli* O121. No other Marie Callender Cheese Biscuit Mix Best By dates are affected. Food Safety is our highest priority and we have taken this action out of an abundance of caution, to protect public health. We are unaware of any illnesses to date from the recalled Marie Callender Cheese Biscuit Mix products.

Consumers who have purchased any of the recalled products are urged to throw them away. Retailers who received the recalled products are being contacted. FDA and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) warn that consumers should refrain from consuming any raw products made with flour. This recall is being made with the knowledge of FDA.

"The quality of Marie Callender's products and the safety of our customers are the upmost important issues said Kevin Greene, VP of Sales At ICC, we care deeply about people, our consumers, our employees and our supplier partners. We are working with our retail customers and the FDA to ensure any affected product is removed from the marketplace immediately. We thank you for your patience, and appreciate your continued trust that we will do the right thing for our consumers. Consumers and media with questions can contact Joanna Fraire at 408-792-3123, Monday through Friday, from 9 AM to 4 PM Pacific or at Joanna@commissary.com

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* **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.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm511104.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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