



RECALL NOTICE

The following message is being sent to all authorized member recall personnel.

FDA Announcement

Saputo Inc. Recalls Certain Gouda Cheese Products Due to Potential Contamination of *Listeria monocytogenes*

For Immediate Release

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Consumers

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Saputo Inc. (Saputo), is voluntarily recalling certain Gouda cheese products in the United States after having been notified by Deutsch Kase Haus, LLC of Middlebury, Indiana that some specialty Gouda cheese products that it supplied to Saputo’s Green Bay, Wisconsin facility may have been contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms, such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The affected retail products are the Great Midwest® Applewood Smoked Gouda cheeses listed in the table below. As a precautionary measure, Saputo is also recalling the Dutchmark® Smoked Gouda cheeses listed in the table below, which were packaged on the same line. Consumers should not consume the recalled products.

Brand	Product	Pack Size	UPC	Sell By Date
Great Midwest®	Applewood Smoked Gouda Cheese	Random Weight ~6 pounds	No UPC	SELL BY MAY 22 17 G7/1 00:00
		Random weight slices or chunks cut at stores	Sliced/chunked cut at stores - No UPC	ALL CODE DATES
Brand	Product	Pack Size	UPC	Sell By Date

Brand	Product	Pack Size	UPC	Sell By Date
Dutchmark®	Pasteurized Processed Smoked Gouda Cheese	Random Weight ~2 pounds	No UPC	BEST WHEN USED BY:11-18-17

No illnesses due to consumption of these products have been reported. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a healthcare provider.

The recalled products were sold to retailers nationwide. The Great Midwest Applewood® Smoked Gouda cheeses were sold primarily in retail stores at deli counters and deli cases. Saputo is working with impacted customers to ensure that the recalled products are removed from the marketplace. Consumers who have purchased any of the recalled products identified in the table above with the specified sell by date are urged to dispose of them or return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. No other Saputo products are affected by this recall.

This recall is being initiated with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. For more information, consumers with questions may contact Saputo at 1-877-578-1510 between 9 am and 9 pm EST, Monday - Friday.

About Saputo

Saputo produces, markets, and distributes a wide array of dairy products of the utmost quality, including cheese, fluid milk, extended shelf-life milk and cream products, cultured products and dairy ingredients. Saputo is one of the top ten dairy processors in the world, the largest cheese manufacturer and the leading fluid milk and cream processor in Canada, the third largest dairy processor in Argentina, and the fourth largest in Australia. In the US, Saputo ranks among the top three cheese producers and is one of the largest producers of extended shelf-life and cultured dairy products. Our products are sold in several countries under well-known brand names such as Saputo, Alexis de Portneuf, Armstrong, COON, Cracker Barrel*, Dairyland, DairyStar, Friendship Dairies, Frigo Cheese Heads, La Paulina, Milk2Go/Lait's Go, Neilson, Nutrilait, Scotsburn*, Stella, Sungold, Treasure Cave and Woolwich Dairy. Saputo Inc. is a publicly traded company and its shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "SAP".

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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/ucm542225.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

If you have questions, please contact Wayne Melichar, Food Safety Manager, at wmelichar@feedingamerica.org or 312.629.7263.