

Westby Cooperative Creamery Issues a Voluntary Product Retrieval Notice on a Specific, Single Production Lot of Cottage Cheese Product

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Announcement

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Westby Cooperative Creamery has issued a voluntary product retrieval notice on a specific, single lot of 4% cottage cheese; manufactured and packaged on August 17, distributed to retail stores, and possibly sold to consumers on or before August 26, 2016.

The product being retrieved is packaged in 16-ounce, 22-ounce, and 24-ounce containers; under the Westby, Food Club, Oberweis, and Shurfine brand names. The containers are marked with Lot Code 10-6-16 cc, and Plant #55-372. Approximately 700 cases of product (12 containers per case) were distributed within the state of Wisconsin and to a distribution center in Aurora, Illinois. What amount of product has been further delivered to retail stores, and possibly purchased by consumers, is being determined as part of this retrieval process. All customers have been notified of this voluntary product retrieval, and are fully cooperating.

On August 26, 2016, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WI-DATCP) issued a Consumer Advisory News Release for this specific lot of cottage cheese, manufactured by Westby Cooperative Creamery, based on routine testing of product samples by a state inspector.

No consumer illnesses have been reported related to the consumption of any cottage cheese products from this specific lot, and no other products produced by Westby Cooperative Creamery were included in this advisory news release.

Subsequent product/lot sample testing by Westby Cooperative Creamery, and further testing by an independent Certified Laboratory, have not detected the presence of any harmful pathogens. The management of Westby Cooperative Creamery has decided to issue this voluntary product retrieval as a precaution to nullify any potential concerns.

Westby Cooperative Creamery is one of the oldest cooperatives of family dairy farms in Wisconsin, and the USA, with over 200 member-owners. The milk supplied by these members, both conventional and organic, has increased to nearly 150-million pounds, annually. Product production at their manufacturing facility is approaching 30-million pounds of Cottage Cheeses, Sour Creams, Dairy Dips, Yogurts, Cheese Curds, and Hard Cheeses. The company employs 135 people.

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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/ucm519395.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.