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FSIS Announcement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is issuing a public health alert for ready-to-eat (RTE) product labeled as birria-inspired beef soup due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen. The product labeled as birria-inspired beef soup may actually contain plant-based chicken noodle soup, which contains sesame, a known allergen, which is not declared on the product label. FSIS is issuing this public health alert to ensure that consumers are aware that these products should not be consumed. A recall was not requested because the products are no longer available for purchase.

The RTE product labeled as birria-inspired beef soup that may contain plant-based chicken noodle soup were produced on November 18, 2023. The following product is subject to the public health alert [\[view label\]](#):

- 24-oz. plastic cups labeled “WHOLE FOODS MARKET KITCHENS Birria-Inspired Beef Soup with Hominy” with “USE BY 01/02/24” and lot code 11183. The top of the plastic cups may be labeled “WHOLE FOODS MARKET KITCHENS Plant-Based Chicken Noodle Soup MADE WITH PLANT-BASED PROTEIN. DOES NOT CONTAIN CHICKEN.”

The product subject to the public health alert bears the establishment number “EST. 18235” inside the USDA mark of inspection. **These items were shipped to retail locations in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.**

The issue was discovered by the retailer after a store employee identified a case of RTE Plant-Based Chicken Noodle Soup product bearing the correct top label but incorrect front and back labels. The retailer reported

the issue to the producing establishment, and the establishment notified FSIS.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact a health care provider.

FSIS is concerned that some product may be in consumers' refrigerators. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

Members of the media with questions regarding the public health alert can contact Andrew Hearn, EVP of Quality and Food Safety of Kettle Cuisine, at 617-409-1100 or ahearn@kettlecuisine.com. Consumers with questions can contact Paul Nazario, Director of Retail Sales at Kettle Cuisine, at 360-931-1494 or pnazario@kettlecuisine.com.
<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls-alerts/fsis-issues-public-health-alert-beef-soup-product-due-misbranding-and-undeclared>

* We believe that none of the product 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.

About Feeding America Recall Notices

The Feeding America national office issues notifications of all national Class I and II recalls--those involving a health hazard situation in which there is reasonable probability that eating the food will cause health problems or death--and other recalls that may affect the safety of food supplied to network members.

The national office strongly encourages all member product solicitors, operations managers, and others involved in food and grocery distribution to regularly consult resources provided by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html>, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/index.asp. Additionally, members can often receive information on national, state, and local recalls by contacting their local health departments.

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