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## Lakeside Canned Beets Recalled

At a Glance: Lakeside Foods has announced a recall of canned beets because of the possibility of *Clostridium botulinum* (botulism). No illnesses have been reported. The involved products is 6/10 canned sliced pickled beets with the can codes EFBB229/003034 and EFBB229/003047, including the Lakeside and Monarch labels. Can codes can be found on the top or bottom lid.

The Issue: Botulism spores may survive the canning process if the product is not sufficiently cooked. Lakeside Foods has discovered that some product may not have reached optimum temperature during processing, and therefore have the potential to be contaminated.

Am I Impacted? The potential problem with this product has existed for several months, therefore Lakeside Foods has asked us to contact customers who have purchased this product recently. All affected customers are being contacted or have already been. Again, no contaminated products have been found.

US Foodservice Position: At U.S. Foodservice we take food safety very seriously. We also understand the extreme sensitivity of our customers to food-related health issues and are committed to keeping our customers abreast of the latest developments as fast as we get the information.

### What You Can Do:

- Avoid eating or serving recalled products
- Do not use any recalled products as an ingredient in recipes
- Discard recalled products in a manner that prevents others from eating them.
- Do not crush or open the cans
- Never use any canned product that is leaking or swelling
- Do not taste the product to see if it is ok
- Persons who think they may have become ill with a food borne illness should consult their health care providers
- Review your own internal recall procedures- does your staff know what to do if they receive notice that a product is being recalled? Typically only specific lot codes are affected.
- Purchase all of your supplies from a company with a robust recall program that can keep you aware of recall and food safety issues
- Help us serve you better. Provide your distribution center with a valid email address so we may reach you with recall information.

Finally, count on U.S. Foodservice to keep you informed, and to keep recalled product out of your establishment.