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Silva Sausage Recalled for Allergen Issue

At a Glance: Silva Sausage Company of Gilroy California is recalling 28,782 pounds of Smoked Chicken Apple Sausage because it contains whey, a milk allergen, which was not listed on the label.

The Issue: Persons allergic to milk may also react to the presence of whey, which is a milk byproduct. Federal regulations require that major allergens be listed on product labels. For more information on this recall, visit the USDA web site at:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_067_2011_Release/index.asp.

The supplier and the USDA are currently unaware of any illnesses associated with consumption of this product.

Am I Impacted? A small number of U.S. Foodservice customers were affected. **All impacted customers have already been notified.** Silva sausage is also available in grocery stores. If you purchased this product from another source, or if you have this product in your home, the USDA recommends that it be destroyed or returned to the place of purchase.

US Foodservice Position: At US 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:

- 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.
- If you are discarding recalled products, do so in a way that does not allow access to others.

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