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## Farm Rich and Market Day Frozen Mini Meals and Snack Products Recalled for Possible E. coli Contamination

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(JUNEAU, AK) – Rich Products Corporation is recalling Farm Rich Mini Quesadillas, Mini Pizza Slices, Philly Cheese Steaks, Mozzarella Bites and Market Day Mozzarella Bites because they may be contaminated with bacteria known as E. coli O121.

Symptoms of E. coli foodborne illness include mild to severe diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Blood is often seen in the stool. Usually little or no fever is present. Although most healthy adults can recover completely within 5-10 days, certain individuals can develop a complication called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS) which can cause the kidneys to fail. HUS is most likely to occur in young children and the elderly. The condition could lead to serious kidney damage and even death.

These products are partially-baked snack items that consumers bake or microwave at home. Each product package contains the establishment number "EST. 27232" or "P-27233" inside the USDA mark of inspection.

Product	Weight	UPC Code	Best By Dates	Product Code
Farm Rich® Mini Pizza Slices w/cheese & pepperoni	7.2 oz	041322376909	May 15 or 16, 2014	37690
Farm Rich® Mini Pizza Slices w/cheese & pepperoni	22 oz	041322356437	May 15 or 16, 2014	35643
Farm Rich® Mini Quesadillas w/cheese and chicken	18 oz	041322356352	May 14, 2014	35635
Farm Rich® Philly Cheese Steaks	21 oz	041322356345	May 13, 2014	35634
Farm Rich® Mozzarella Bites in a pizzeria style crust	22 oz	041322374431	May 19, 2014	37443

Farm Rich® Mozzarella Bites in a pizzeria style crust	7 oz	041322376916	May 19, 2014	37691
Market Day® Mozzarella Bites	22 oz	041322804358	May 12, 2014	80435

Alaska DEC has confirmed these products were available in Alaska. To date, there have been 24 cases of foodborne illness in 15 states associated with the outbreak strain of E. coli O121. No illnesses have been reported in Alaska.

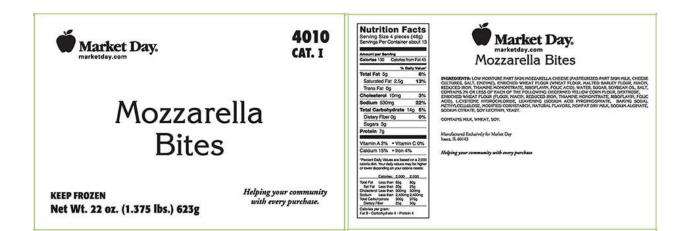
Consumers who may have purchased the affected product are advised to discard it. Consumers with questions regarding the recall should contact Farm Rich Consumer Relations at 888-220-5955 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST Monday through Friday, or visit the company website at <u>www.farmrich.com</u>.

For more information on this recall, visit: <u>http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm345896.htm?source=govdelivery</u>.

For more information on recalls affecting Alaskans, visit DEC's website: <u>http://www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/recallsalerts.html</u>.



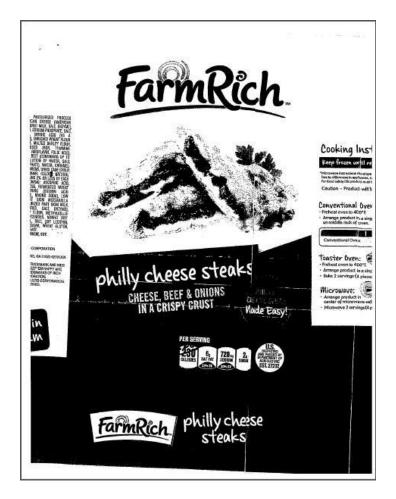












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