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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 |
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| 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.

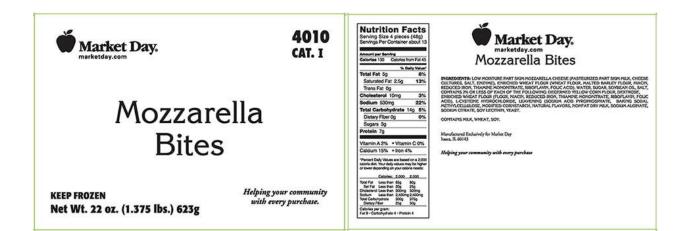
Consumers who may have purchased the affected product are advised to discard it. Consumers with questions regarding the recall should contact Farm Rich Consumer Relations at 888-220-5955 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST Monday through Friday, or visit the company website at <u>www.farmrich.com</u>.

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>.



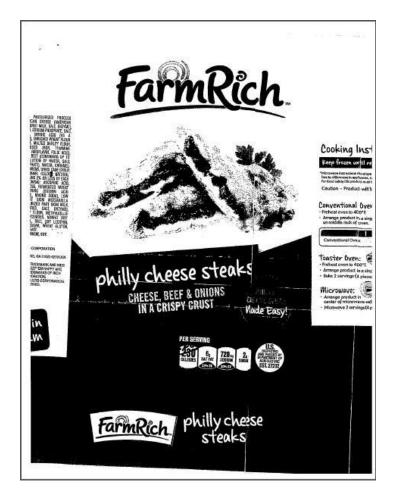












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