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North Carolina Firm Recalls Portobello Mushroom Flavored Pork Loins Due to Mislabeling and an Undeclared Allergen

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Corrected copy, plus an Editor's note:
Editor's Note: FSIS updated the release the same day of issue to reflect additional information from the recalling company, including updated poundage and revised use by dates.

WASHINGTON, May 4, 2011 - Smithfield Packing Company of Clinton, NC and Tar Heel, NC is recalling approximately 216,238 pounds of Portobello Mushroom flavored pork loins because some of the product may contain an undeclared allergen. The product was prepared using an ingredient blend that contained whey (from milk), a known allergen, which was not declared on the label, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The products subject to recall are: [\[View Label\]](#)

- Various weight individual packages of "Smithfield Portobello Mushroom Pork Loin Filet."

The products subject to recall bear the USDA mark of inspection on the label and EST. 413 or EST. 18079 inside the mark of inspection. Affected products from EST. 413 bear a use by date ranging from 12/26/10 to 6/03/11. Affected products from EST. 18079 bear a use by date ranging from 1/16/11 to 4/24/11. These products were distributed in retail outlets in Ala., Fla., Ill., Ky., Md., Mass., Miss., N.C., N.J., N.Y., Pa., S.C., Tenn., Texas, and Va. While the sell-by dates for many of these products has passed, FSIS and the establishment are aware that consumers may also freeze the product before use and there is concern that some product may still be frozen and in consumers' freezers. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on FSIS' website at www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/Open_Federal_Cases/index.asp.

The company recently reformulated the product. During an internal label review by the firm it was discovered that the label of the Portobello spice being utilized did not match the ingredient list of the final product. FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about a reaction should contact a healthcare provider.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify

recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and to ensure that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumers with questions about the recall can call Smithfield at (877) 933-4625. Media with questions can call (404) 367-2740.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

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