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News Release

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- Recall Notice -

(April 13, 2001) – The Clark County Health District has received a notice of a massive recall of Bar S meat products due to possible contamination with listeria. More than 100 products are listed on the recall notice, including luncheon meats, franks, sausage and whole hams. The Bar S products may also be found under the names “Coronado,” “Chuckwagon,” and “Foodservice.”

Easter weekend is typically a big weekend for ham purchases and it is important for consumers to check their products. Any consumer who feels they may have bought a recalled product should return it to the store where purchased. Health District inspectors have notified local grocery stores of the recall.

Listeria may be found in raw foods, such as meats and vegetables, and in processed foods that become contaminated after processing, such as soft cheeses and cold cuts. Eating contaminated food can cause listeriosis, a serious bacterial infection.

A pregnant woman can pass the infection along to her unborn child. The infection may lead to infants being stillborn, born with septicemia, or the development of meningitis very early in life. Adults with healthy immune systems generally do not exhibit symptoms. When symptoms do occur they usually include a fever, muscle aches, and sometimes nausea or diarrhea. If the infection spreads to the nervous system, symptoms such as headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, or convulsions may occur.

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