Mrs Kirkham's Lancashire Cheese Ltd recalls Lancashire Cheese because of possible contamination with E. Coli

Mrs Kirkham's Lancashire Cheese Ltd has taken the precautionary step of recalling various Lancashire Cheese products because the products might contain E. Coli.

The cheeses are sometimes sold as a full block or served as individual portions, it may have been provided as part of a hamper you've purchased or been gifted. In some cases it's been sold as part of a charcutier grazing platter. It may not always be clear whether you have purchased an affected product. If in doubt, consumers are advised to contact the retailer they bought their cheese from to find out if the cheese they have purchased is from the businesses and batches affected and, in the meantime, to not eat the product and ensure it is stored safely, fully wrapped and not in contact with other foods.

There is no change to the products affected, the update relates to a correction of the symptoms associated with E. Coli STEC.

Product details

Mrs Kirkham's Mild & Creamy Lancashire

Pack size	All sizes
Use by	All use by dates of all batches purchased since 1 October 2023

Mrs Kirkham's Tasty Lancashire

Pack size	All sizes
Use by	All use by dates of all batches purchased since 1 October 2023

Mrs Kirkham's Mature Lancashire

Pack size	All sizes
Use by	All use by dates of all batches purchased since 1 October 2023

Mrs Kirkham's Smoked Lancashire

Pack size	All sizes
Use by	All use by dates of all batches purchased since 1 October 2023

Risk statement

The products listed above might be contaminated with Shiga toxin-producing E. coli, (STEC).

Symptoms caused by STEC organisms include severe diarrhoea (including bloody diarrhoea), abdominal pain, and sometimes haemolytic uremic syndrome, (HUS), a serious condition that can lead to kidney failure and can be fatal.

Action taken by the company

Mrs Kirkham's Lancashire Cheese Ltd is recalling the above product. Point of sale notices will be displayed where the products were sold. These notices explain to customers why the products are being recalled and tell them what to do if they have bought the products.

Our advice to consumers

If you have bought the above product do not eat it. Instead return it to the store from where it was bought for a full refund. Ensure the products is thoroughly wrapped and does not come into contact with any other foods. Wash your hands, equipment, utensils and surfaces that may have come into contact with the product thoroughly.

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- FSA-PRIN-50-2023-update-2: Update 2: Mrs Kirkham's Lancashire Cheese Ltd recalls Lancashire Cheese because of possible contamination with E. Coli
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About product recalls and withdrawals

If there is a problem with a food product that means it should not be sold, then it might be 'withdrawn' (taken off the shelves) or 'recalled' (when customers are asked to return the product). The FSA issues Product Recall Information Notices to let consumers and local authorities know about problems associated with food. In some cases, a 'Food Alert for Action' is issued. This provides local authorities with details of specific action to be taken on behalf of consumers.

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