Update 3: Mrs Kirkham's Lancashire Cheese Ltd recalls Lancashire Cheese because of possible contamination with E. coli

Mrs Kirkham's Lancashire Cheese Ltd has updated the precautionary recall of various Lancashire Cheese products because the products might contain Shiga-toxin producing E. coli.

The implicated cheeses may be in several retail formats, including cut-to-order and wrapped in plain waxed paper from a deli counter, prepacked pieces of cheese purchased or gifted to you that was purchased on or prior to Monday 5 February 2024.

The recalled products may have been included in a hamper or been sold as part of a charcuterie grazing platter. It may not always be clear whether you have purchased an affected product. If in doubt, you are advised to not eat the product and ensure it is stored safely, fully wrapped and not in contact with other foods if returning the product to the place it was purchased or dispose of it at home.

Update 3 – This Product Recall Information Notice (PRIN) replaces updates 1 and 2 and has been updated to refine the batches of recalled products implicated.

Product details

Mrs Kirkham's Mild & Creamy Lancashire

Pack size	All sizes
Batch description	All products purchased up to and including 05 February 2024

Mrs Kirkham's Tasty Lancashire

Pack size	All sizes
Batch description	All products purchased up to and including 05 February 2024

Mrs Kirkham's Mature Lancashire

Pack size	All sizes
Batch description	All products purchased up to and including 05 February 2024

Mrs Kirkham's Smoked Lancashire

Pack size	All sizes
Batch description	All products purchased up to and including 05 February 2024

No 1 Waitrose and Partners, Farmhouse Kirkham's Lancashire Cheese

Pack size	All sizes
Batch description	All products purchased up to and including 05 February 2024

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 products. 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.

View Customer notice: Mrs Kirkhams Lancashire Cheese as pdf(Open in a new window) (124.43 KB)

Our advice to consumers

If you have bought any of the above products do not eat them. Instead return them to the store from where they were bought for a full refund or dispose of them at home. Ensure the products are thoroughly wrapped and do 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.

Related alerts

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

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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