

Update 1: Food Alert For Action: Food Businesses who have purchased products from Block and Cleaver of Swanley, Kent

Meat and meat products supplied by a cutting plant in Swanley, Kent, should be removed from the market because of food safety concerns.

We have alerted Environmental Health, Trading Standards Services and Official Veterinarians to take action to remove meat and meat products manufactured by Block and Cleaver from the market. These products which have been supplied to food businesses in London and the South East of England may not have been produced in accordance with GB food law requirements and therefore may be unsafe.

These products may have incorrect use by dates, are subject to traceability breaches, may not have been manufactured in accordance with food safety management systems and may be unsafe. They should not be eaten.

We are asking food businesses such as restaurants, cafes and hotels to withdraw from sale any meat or meat products supplied by Block and Cleaver because they may be unsafe to eat. Products should be disposed of safely.

We are also asking food businesses who have sold meat or meat products at retail, directly to consumers, to undertake product recalls and inform their Local Authority, who are in turn requested to inform the Food Standards Agency (FSA).

Update 1: replaces the original FAFA, and takes account of a change of use by dates for chicken and pork meat and meat products.

Product details

Beef meat and meat products

Use by	All dates up to and including 21 June 2024
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Pork meat and meat products

Use by	All dates up to and including 22 June 2024
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Chicken meat and meat products

Use by	All dates up to and including 22 June 2024
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Risk statement

Beef, pork and chicken meat and meat products were not prepared in line with food safety and hygiene legislative requirements, they may be unsafe.

Our advice to consumers

Actions being taken by enforcement authorities:?

As these products may not have been prepared in accordance with food hygiene, safety and other legislative requirements, they do not comply with the requirements of GB food law. Local Authorities have been requested to remove products that may be unsafe from the market.

The products are known to have been supplied to food businesses across London and South East of England.

Related alerts

- [FSA-FAFA-02-2024-update-2: Update 2: Food Alert For Action: Food Businesses who have purchased products from Block and Cleaver of Swanley, Kent](#)
- [FSA-FAFA-02-2024: Food Alert For Action: Food Businesses who have purchased products from Block and Cleaver of Swanley, Kent](#)

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 Withdrawal Information Notices and 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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