

**Lettieri's Foods**  
**Product Recall Announcement**  
**January 11, 2011**

Announcement: Lettieri's has initiated a voluntary recall of certain breakfast sausage sandwiches. The sausage contains MSG which is not currently disclosed on the retail label. To date, no illnesses or adverse reactions have been associated with any of these products. Lettieri's is directly contacting all distributors and retailers who have purchased the breakfast sandwiches in question and asking that they be removed from public consumption. Should you be contacted by anyone in regards to the recall, we are asking that you direct them to the Customer Service number indicated below.

**Questions & Answers**

1. Who determined the recall was appropriate? Lettieri's in coordination with USDA and FDA determined that it was appropriate for a voluntary class 3 level recall. The USDA categorization has a range of class 1 which denotes a high level of risk or harm to the consumer to class 3 which is the lowest level of risk or harm to the consumer.
2. What is the reason for the recall? The current breakfast sausage patty utilized in a number of Lettieri's breakfast sandwiches contains trace amounts of MSG. MSG (monosodium glutamate) is a food additive specifically designed to be a flavor enhancer. The retail label for the products being recalled does not reflect MSG being part of the ingredient makeup of the sandwiches.
3. Why is MSG not being reflected on the ingredient label an issue? USDA considers MSG to be a sensitizing agent and therefore requires disclosure of the product to the consumer. MSG has been known to elicit the following reactions in certain individuals: Headache, flushing, sweating, facial pressure, numbness, tingling in face, neck and other areas, rapid, fluttering heart beats, chest pain, nausea and or weakness. For further information please see the following website: <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/monosodium-glutamate/AN01251>
4. What do I do if I have eaten a sandwich under recall? We do not believe that most individuals will have any side effects, but should you experience any concerning reaction, we do recommend you see your doctor immediately.
5. How are you notifying the public? Our business is primarily distributed through distributors. We are in the process of contacting all distributors and communicating specific information related to the recall to them. They will

then place the product in question on hold for destruction and will also pass along the notification on to the retailers who purchased the product from them. Our goal is to contact the majority of the distributors today (January 11, 2011). Follow-up with the distributors will then continue until all products in question have been accounted for and removed from the general public.

6. Who should I contact if I think I have product involved in the recall?  
Customer service at 877.841.1431. You will be issued specific instructions as to product handling, re-orders and reimbursement depending on if you are a distributor or a retailer.
7. What if I have other questions about the recall? Please contact Steve Watkins at 605.330.7507 / [steve.watkins@hsfl.com](mailto:steve.watkins@hsfl.com) or Jennifer McDonald at 605.373.3229 / [jennifer.mcdonald@hsfl.com](mailto:jennifer.mcdonald@hsfl.com)