FDA FOOD RECALL EARLY ALERT

81 Days Until Recall

9 Illnesses in 6 States
Illnesses Include: 1 Infant Death, 2 Fetal Losses

July 28, 2014
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) notified FDA that it discovered *Listeria monocytogenes* (*Lm*) in one of the firm’s cheese products; expiration date of September 27, 2014; the *Lm* found by VDACS was linked to *Lm* found in samples from ill persons. On July 31, the firm voluntarily recalled this cheese product with this expiration date.

August 1 – 22, 2014
FDA conducted an inspection at the firm’s facility and collected environmental samples.

August 22, 2014
FDA discovered *Lm* in environmental samples from the firm’s facility; the *Lm* found by FDA was “indistinguishable” from the *Lm* found by VDACS.

September 11, 2014
In response to FDA’s August 28 request, FDA received a brief response that “lacked significant supporting documentation.”

September 24, 2014
FDA was notified that the firm’s private lab verbally reported *Lm* found in cheese samples. On October 6, the firm voluntarily conducted a local recall of another cheese product with best by dates of October 1, 2014, to October 8, 2014, and October 18, 2014.

October 7, 2014
FDA began followup inspection, again revealing the presence of *Lm*.

October 17, 2014
Firm voluntarily recalled all potentially adulterated cheese products with best by dates of July 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014.

*According to FDA records, CDC linked two fetal losses to these illnesses.*

‡ “Linked illness” represents the illness onset date for a person whose illness was linked to the firm’s product.

See FDA’s official recall notice for a complete list of all recalls.

*Source of Information: FDA recall files*

Report: http://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region1/11501500.asp