Kroger Asks Customers to Check Refrigerators and Freezers for Recalled Ground Turkey

Cargill Ground Turkey Products Under Honeysuckle and Kroger Labels Should be Returned to Stores for Refund

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The Kroger Co. (NYSE: KR) family of stores in 26 states is participating in a voluntary recall initiated by ground turkey supplier Cargill late yesterday.

Cargill announced a Class I voluntary recall of approximately 36 million pounds of fresh and frozen ground turkey products due to possible contamination from Salmonella Heidelberg.

Kroger customers can visit www.kroger.com/recall for the list of products subject to the recall sold in Kroger's family of stores. The Cargill website lists all of the affected products and retailers.
The recalled items were sold in **Kroger** stores
in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky,Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri , North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginiaand West
Virginia; **Dillons** and **Gerbes** stores in Kansas and Missouri; Baker's stores
in Nebraska; **Fry's** stores in Arizona; **King Soopers** and **City Market** stores in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming; **Food 4 Less**,**Hilander**, **Jay C**, **Owen's**, **Pay Less** and **Scott's** stores in Illinois and Indiana; and **Ralphs**, **Foods Co.** and**Food 4 Less** in California; and **Smith's** stores in Arizona, New Mexico, and in Las Vegas, Nevada.
Not included in this recall are stores the company operates under the following names: **Fred Meyer** stores inAlaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington; **Smith's** stores
in Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming; and **QFC** stores in Oregon and Washington.

What Kroger is Doing

Kroger has removed affected items from store shelves and initiated its customer recall notification system. Customers who may have purchased the affected products will receive register receipt messages and/or automated phone calls. Kroger is also placing signs in stores in meat departments.

What Customers Should Do

Kroger is asking customers to carefully check their refrigerators and freezers for recalled ground turkey due to possible contamination from Salmonella. Any opened or unopened products included in this recall should not be consumed and should be returned to their local Kroger family store for a full refund.

Kroger customers should look for ground turkey products under the Honeysuckle and Kroger Ground Turkey labels with a "use or freeze by" date between February 20, 2011 and August 23, 2011.

Consumers who have questions about the recall may contact Kroger toll free at 800-KROGERS (800-576-4377) or may contact Cargill's consumer relations toll free at 1-888-812-1646.

Consumers are reminded that proper handling, storage and cooking of ground turkey offers the best protection against food-borne illness. According to the USDA, when ground turkey is thoroughly cooked to an internal temperature of no less than 165 degrees, any harmful bacteria are destroyed and the ground turkey is safe to consume.

Kroger, the nation's largest traditional grocery retailer, employs more than 338,000 associates who serve customers in 2,449 supermarkets and multi-department stores in 31 states under two dozen local banner names including Kroger, City Market, Dillons, Jay C, Food 4 Less, Fred Meyer, Fry's, King Soopers, QFC, Ralphs and Smith's. The company also operates 785 convenience stores, 359 fine jewelry stores, 1,035 supermarket fuel centers and 40 food processing plants in the U.S. Kroger, headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, focuses its charitable efforts on supporting hunger relief, health and wellness initiatives, and local organizations in the communities it serves. For more information about Kroger, please visit www.kroger.com.
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