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NC company recalls sandwiches because of Listeria

RALEIGH – Fisher/Rex Sandwich Co. is voluntarily recalling some of its pre-packaged sandwiches after tests by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services confirmed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in product samples, Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler announced today.

The products subject to recall will be identified by a seven-digit product code that begins with 01. Also, products without a lot code are subject to the recall. Products with a five digit product code are not subject to the recall. The recalled products were distributed to convenience stores, gas stations and other retail stores in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. No illnesses related to the products have been reported.

“Retailers and consumers who have these products should discard them immediately,” Donna M. Campbell, Iredell County Health Director, said.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. It can also cause miscarriages and stillbirths in pregnant women. Healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. The NCDA&CS Food and Drug Protection Division found the bacteria during a routine inspection. If you have questions, you can contact David Hinson, Environmental Health Supervisor, at 704-878-5358.