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Tyson Recalls Deli Sandwiches Sold at Wal-Mart

DENVER-Tyson Foods Inc. has recalled 380,000 pounds of deli meat that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, a bacteria that can cause food poisoning.

The meat from Zemco Industries in Buffalo, NY, was made into "Marketside Grab and Go" pre-made sandwiches that were distributed nationwide to Wal-Mart stores, including Colorado stores. The sandwiches have expiration dates ranging from Aug. 20 to Sept. 10 and include Marketside Grab and Go Black Forest Ham, Italian Hero, Angus Roast Beef and Smoke House. The recall does not include any meat products from the self-service deli or in individual retail packages.

State health officials advise consumers who may have the product to discard it or return it to the place of purchase for a refund.

Eating food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis; however, listeriosis can cause a high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea. Listeriosis also can cause miscarriages and stillbirths, as well as serious and sometimes fatal infections in those with weakened immune systems, such as infants, the elderly, persons with HIV infection or those undergoing chemotherapy. Individuals concerned about an illness should contact their health care provider.

There have been no reports of illnesses associated with the product.

The problem was discovered after a retail sample collected in Georgia tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*.