



August 7, 2017

Dear Valued Customer:

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that a voluntary Class II recall was enacted on August 5th, 2017 due to the undeclared presence of malted barley in the below product:

The ready-to-eat ham products were produced from Dec. 17, 2015 to July 27, 2017. The products have a 70-day sell-by date. The following product is subject to recall:

- 1.75-lb. of vacuum-packed mini ham packages containing “Lou's Garrett Valley Natural, All Natural BLACK FOREST SEASONED UNCURED HAM NUGGET, FULLY COOKED WOOD SMOKED” with a case code 74045 and a retail UPC code 616973740456.

While the ingredient declaration does state natural flavors, of which malted barley falls under, it was determined by the USDA that a more specific ingredient declaration is recommended. Specific third party testing confirms that gluten is not present in amounts above 20 ppm because the item tested at less than 5 ppm, which would therefore qualify it as Gluten Free under USDA standards. While we do not label the item as Gluten Free it still remains that malted barley should be listed.

The health and wellness of our customers is, and has always been, our top priority. There have been zero reports of any adverse reactions to this product in the past two years. In order to increase transparency between our company and loyal customers, moving forward, all labeling will specifically identify malted barley as an ingredient.

We appreciate your assistance in removing this product from inventory and shelves. We encourage open communication and follow-up with your sales representative, as he/she is already working to determine how soon the item can be replaced with updated labeling. We appreciate your assistance and urge our customers to contact us with any specific questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Colameco".

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