



November 07, 2019

Re: Class 2 Voluntary Recall

In accordance with the USDA, Rastelli's Food Group has voluntarily decided to issue a Class II recall of 16-oz vacuum sealed packages containing "Nature's Rancher 100% Grass Fed Organic Ground Beef 85% Lean, 15% Fat" with use or freeze by dates of 10/24/19, 10/31/19, 11/04/19, 11/07/19 and 16-oz vacuum sealed packages containing "Nature's Rancher 100% Grass Fed Organic Ground Beef 93% Lean, 7% Fat" with use or freeze by dates of 10/24/19, 10/31/19, 11/04/19, 11/07/19, and 11/11/19 manufactured from October 3, 2019 to October 15, 2019, after four reports of alleged foreign plastic materials were found within the product. There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products.

"Rastelli Foods Group is working closely with the USDA to identify where in the supply chain these complaints may have cause to originate. Food safety is and has always been Rastelli's number one initiative, so we have voluntarily recalled the potentially contaminated products to keep our consumers safe and confident that Rastelli is first and foremost focused on their safety." Ray Rastelli Jr. President of Rastelli Food Group

"When the complaints were identified by USDA, we immediately initiated an investigation into the source of the alleged object, monitoring the entire manufacturing process and examining every piece of equipment, and modes of transportation to determine the root cause of these complaints. Additionally, we independently purchased the products from various retail locations to inspect the quality of the consumer-facing packages. After said inquiries we have yet to find additional foreign material in any of the products nor have we determined an explanation of how these alleged plastics could have materialized." said Carl Zerr, Director of Food Safety and Quality Assurance for Rastelli's Food Group.

While continuing to take measures to investigate the cause of the complaints, and despite being deemed a low health risk by the USDA, Rastelli Foods Group has decided to recall the Nature's Rancher ground products produced from October 3 - 15th, 2019.

"In the 43 years we've been in business, our family has never experienced a recall of any product we manufacture. We lead our entire business with a focus on food safety first, above all else. Upon hearing of customer complaints, we actively investigated the products with the help of independent agencies. Though our investigation did not find any foreign materials, we have voluntarily agreed to a Class II recall. Our customers safety is paramount and comes before all else. We, along with the USDA, continue to investigate the entire supply chain (from slaughter to consumer) for the potential source. We will continue to strive to provide the best products to our customers." Ray Rastelli III, Vice President of Rastelli Food Group.

The products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST. 7877-A" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to distribution centers and further sent to retail locations in Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, and Maryland.

This letter is confirmation that neither you, nor any of the products you purchase from Rastelli's, has been implicated in any manner with this Class 2 Voluntary Recall.

Sincerely,

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