



Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Recall Alert

Recall of Ginger Bread Houses Produced by Rolf's Patisserie

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services received the following recall of ginger bread houses. These products have been distributed in Missouri as indicated below.

ORIGINAL RELEASE-----

Whole Foods Market Announces A Recall For Ginger Bread Houses Which Were Produced By Rolf's Patisserie In Twenty-Three States Because Of A Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - December 24, 2010 - Whole Foods Market announces that it is recalling assembled Ginger Bread Houses sold in, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin that came from its supplier Rolf's Patisserie of Lincolnwood, Illinois. The recalled ginger bread houses may have been assembled, decorated and packaged in clear plastic wrap and sold with a Whole Foods Market scale label; some scale labels also may list "Rolf's Patisserie" as part of the description. This includes all ginger bread Houses made after Nov. 1, 2010.

Products produced by Rolf's Patisserie have been connected to several outbreaks of *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*) food poisoning. All products that were made after Nov. 1, 2010 were recalled. To date no illnesses have been reported from consumers eating ginger bread houses sold by Whole Foods Market.

A food item contaminated with *S. aureus*, the bacterium responsible for producing toxins in foods, can cause nausea, vomiting, stomach cramps and diarrhea. The illness usually lasts for one to two days, although severe cases may last as long as three days. However, certain individuals, such as the elderly or very young, may require medical treatment for dehydration. Consumers should not eat the gingerbread houses and should dispose of them in a sealed container so that people and animals (including wild animals) cannot get access to and eat them.

Signage is posted in Whole Foods Market stores to notify customers of this recall.

Customers who have purchased any of the listed products from Whole Foods Market may return them to the store for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Whole Foods Market at 512-542-0878 weekdays between 8:00am and 5:00pm central standard time.