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Health Unit Advises of Salami Recall Due to Possible Listeriosis Contamination

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The Peterborough County-City Health Unit is alerting local residents that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Siena Foods have warned the public not to consume the Siena brand mild Cacciatore Salami described below because this product may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The following Siena brand meat product is affected by this alert.

Product	Size	UPC	Best Before date
Cacciatore Salami, Mild	Variable weight packages	N/A	2010 MA 04

This product is known to have been distributed in Ontario and Quebec.

There have been no reported illnesses associated with the consumption of this product.

Food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* may not look or smell spoiled. Consumption of food contaminated with this bacteria may cause listeriosis, a foodborne illness. Listeriosis can cause high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea. Pregnant women, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems are particularly at risk. Infected pregnant women may experience only a mild, flu-like illness, however, infections during pregnancy can lead to premature delivery, infection of the newborn, or even stillbirth.

The manufacturer, Siena Foods Ltd. of Toronto, is voluntarily recalling the affected product from the marketplace. Anyone who has purchased this product should not consume it. It should be returned to the point of purchase for a refund. Anyone becoming ill after eating this product should see a health care provider. Mean incubation period is three weeks but can be as long as 3 months.

For more information, consumers and industry can call one of the following numbers:
Siena Foods Ltd. at 1-800-465-0422

CFIA at 1-800-442-2342 / TTY 1-800-465-7735 (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday to Friday).

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For information on *Listeria monocytogenes*, visit:
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/concen/cause/listeriae.shtml>

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