

Calif. Company Recalls Frozen Treats for Listeria

SILVER SPRING, Md. (FDA) — Helados La Tapatia, Inc., of Fresno, California, is voluntarily recalling all ice cream products, popsicles, fruit bars/cups and bolis due to a possible health risk from *Listeria monocytogenes*. Helados La Tapatia, Inc., is coordinating closely with regulatory officials.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The products were distributed in Arizona, California, Nevada, Washington, Guam and Canada in retail stores. The products are sold under the brand names of Helados La Tapatia and Icesations.

No illnesses have been reported to date. The recall was the result of a routine inspection program by the [U.S. FDA](#) [1] which revealed the presence of the bacteria on certain food processing equipment.

A separate UPC Inventory of the products and their UPC codes is provided.

The production of the products has been suspended while FDA and the company continue to investigate the source of the problem. Consumers who have purchased the Helados La Tapatia or Icesations products are urged to return the products to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-559-441-1105 Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. (PDT); Saturday, 9:00a.m.- 5:00p.m. (PDT). After March 20, 2014, a toll free number (1-855-893-1171) will be available. Consumers can also contact the company at helatapatia@sbcglobal.net [2].

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