



Media Release

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WOODSIDE CHEESE RECALL

Woodside Cheese Wrights is undertaking a voluntary recall of three cheese products after testing found E.coli above permitted levels.

Dr Fay Jenkins, Director Food Safety and Nutrition, SA Health, said the recall was a precautionary measure and there have not been reports of anyone becoming ill after eating these cheeses.

"E coli is a common contaminant and is often tested for by industry to ensure compliance with Food Standards, which limits the allowable amount in cheese," Dr Jenkins said.

"During routine testing, these Woodside products were found to exceed the allowable limits of E.coli and therefore the products have been recalled.

"Other Woodside products tested have been cleared.

"We have no evidence that the form of E.Coli present was pathogenic or that anybody has become ill as a consequence of eating the product.

"However, as a precaution, anyone who has purchased these products should return them to the place of purchase for a full refund or throw them away.

"Woodside Cheese Wrights is co-operating fully with SA Health and is voluntarily removing their products from retailer's shelves."

The cheeses are sold in supermarkets and small retail outlets across South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales.

The recall includes the following products:

- Charleston Jersey Brie 110g - best before 18 May 14 and 26 May 14
- Charleston Jersey Brie (Random weight, approx 1KG) best before 18 May 14 and 26 May 14
- Capricorn Brie - best before 18 May 14 and 26 May 14

E.coli is a bacterium commonly found in the intestines and faeces of people and many animals.

Most E.coli found in the gut are harmless but some may produce toxins that can cause illness.

Symptoms may include diarrhoea or bloody diarrhoea or abdominal cramps.

Anyone who is concerned should contact their GP or *healthdirect Australia* on 1800 022 222.

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