



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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## **HEALTH HAZARD ALERT – CERTAIN FAITH FARMS BRAND CHEESE MAY CONTAIN LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES**

(Montreal, November 26, 2010) – The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Saputo Inc. are warning the public and food service institutions, such as hospitals and nursing homes, not to serve or consume the cheese described below because the product may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The following table lists the affected cheese:

<b>Brand</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>UPC</b>	<b>Best Before / Code</b>	<b>Lot Codes</b>
Faith Farms	Ribbon Slices Process Cheese Food	2 kg	0 65949 04004 3	2011/MA/05 REG: 1900	1681, 1682, 1683, 1684, 1685

These products were sold through cash and carry and deli stores and may also have been sold to food service institutions such as restaurants, hospitals, day care centres and nursing homes. If you have purchased unlabelled processed cheese slices check with your place of purchase to determine if you have the affected product.

This product was distributed in Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador.

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 these 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.

Saputo Inc. is voluntarily recalling the affected product from the marketplace. The CFIA is monitoring the effectiveness of the recall.

For more information, consumers and industry can call one of the following numbers:

Saputo Inc. at 1-800-672-8866;

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).

### **About Saputo**

Saputo produces, markets and distributes a wide array of products of the utmost quality, including cheese, fluid milk, yogurt, dairy ingredients and snack-cakes. Saputo is the 12<sup>th</sup> largest dairy processor in the world, the largest in Canada, the third largest in Argentina, among the top 3 cheese producers in the United States and the largest snack-cake manufacturer in Canada. Our products are sold in more than 40 countries under well-known brand names such as *Saputo*, *Alexis de Portneuf*, *Armstrong*, *Baxter*, *Dairyland*, *Danscorella*, *De Lucia*, *Dragone*, *DuVillage 1860*, *Frigo Cheese Heads*, *Kingsey*, *La Paulina*, *Neilson*, *Nutrilait*, *Ricrem*, *Stella*, *Treasure Cave*, *HOP&GO!*, *Rondeau* and *Vachon*. Saputo is a publicly traded company whose shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol SAP.

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