

March 12, 2010

**Attention: Food Service Manager(s), Long Term Care Facilities and Retirement Homes**

**Subject: Health Hazard Alert – Certain Siena brand Prosciutto Cotto Cooked Ham May Contain Listeria Monocytogenes**

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has issued a warning to the public not to consume **Siena brand Prosciutto Cotto cooked ham** as these products may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The manufacturer, Siena Foods Ltd. is voluntarily recalling the affected product from the marketplace.

The information on the alert is available on the Region of Peel and Peel Public Health website at [www.peelregion.ca](http://www.peelregion.ca)

There have been reported cases of listeriosis in Ontario and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care along with federal/provincial partners and health units are collaborating in the investigation of these illnesses. The recall was initiated based on positive test results for *Listeria monocytogenes* in product samples.

The affected product Siena brand Prosciutto Cotto Cooked Ham products have been distributed to supermarkets and delis, specialty food stores and a small volume to hotels and restaurants in large wholesale packages for further portioning ( Best Before dates of **March 8** and **March 22, 2010**)

The recalled cooked ham was sold in Ontario, Alberta and Quebec.

The CFIA has stated that the product was not shipped to high risk institutions; however, we are notifying you of the food recall in our area.

If you have this product, it must not be served or consumed and must be placed on hold.

If you have this product in your facility or have any questions contact Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.