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### **Gourmet cheese recalled because of potential for contamination**

The Kane County Health Department is alerting residents that a French firm, Trois Comtois of Poligny, France, is recalling its Trois Comtois brand Morbier cheese because of the potential of being contaminated with Listeria. Listeria is an organism that 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.

No illness has been reported to date. The product was distributed throughout the United States between June 1st and July 24th, 2013. Products were sold to supermarkets and gourmet stores.

The cheese in question is Trois Comtois brand Morbier, lot #949038 (on the wheel), it comes as a 11lb wheel and is usually cut and wrapped. It has a vegetable ash line in the middle of the cheese.

The recall was the result of a routine sampling program by the FDA which revealed the finished products contained the bacteria. Trois Comtois has ceased the production and distribution of the product as FDA and Trois Comtois continue their investigation as to what caused the problem.

Distributors and retailers are being contacted in an effort to recall any remaining product in the marketplace. If you believe that you have purchased any of this cheese please contact your distributor or retailer for a full refund. If you have any questions please call Trois Comtois Monday-Friday from 9am to 5pm (EST) at +1 201 448 8787 and mention recall.

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