



COMMISSIONER
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To: All Regulatory Services Provider Types

Subject: **Provider Letter #07-58** – Food Product Recall Posted to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) [Recalls, Market Withdrawals and Safety Alerts Web Page](#)

This provider letter provides information regarding a recent recall announcement posted by the FDA. The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) is circulating notice of this recall to all providers because the product noted in the recall could present a significant health risk to individuals receiving services regulated by the agency.

On Friday, December 21, 2007, the New Era Canning Company issued a voluntary recall of 171 cases (six cans per case) of Fancy Blue Lake Cut Green Beans because of potential health risks presented by the product. The green beans are packaged in 6 lbs. 5 oz. cans under the GFS brand (GFS reorder #118737, UPC 93901 11873) with lot code 19H7FL printed on the end of the can. Providers and consumers must not use the product even if it does not look or smell spoiled. According to the recall notice, the product may be contaminated with *Clostridium botulinum*, a bacterium that can cause life-threatening illness or death from botulism.

You may obtain more information, including the firm's press release and a photo of the product in question, at http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/newera12_07.html. Please note that although Texas is not included in the list of states where the product was distributed, DADS is circulating notice of this recall as a precaution.

Please contact a policy specialist in the Policy, Rules, and Curriculum Development Unit at (512) 438-3161 if you have questions regarding this communication.

Sincerely,

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