

## Key Points – Kitchener Product Tampering Incident

November 7, 2006

### Description/Impact

- Maple Leaf Foods is voluntarily recalling certain ham and sliced meat products and asking the public not to consumer them.
- There are five products involved (details are available on the CFIA news release):
  - Half Kent Smoked Hams (approx. 2.2 pounds) best before January 1, 2007
  - Four types of Schneider's Lifestyle Fat Free sliced ham and turkey 125 gram products with best before dates ranging from December 29, 2006 to January 4, 2007



- No other products were involved.
- The recall was necessary due to potential tampering at the Courtland Ave plant. Three empty plastic syringe cases (not containing needles) were found at the plant, two on top of equipment and a third was found inside a ham product.
- No altered product has been found outside of the facility.
- There have been no reports of any illness related to consumption of this product.
- The products listed above were distributed across Canada. We have taken steps to contain some of this material within our supply chain and are taking immediate steps with our customers to remove any of these products from store shelves.
- Further details are available on the CFIA website.
- Consumers can call Maple Leaf Foods at 1-800-268-3708 line or check the CFIA website, [www.inspection.gc.ca](http://www.inspection.gc.ca) for further information.
- Consumers can return the products to retailers for a full refund.

### Action

- Maple Leaf is taking every possible precaution to mitigate any potential risk to consumers.
- We are working closely with the CFIA to conduct this recall.
- We have increased security at the plant.

- We have fully informed and gained the cooperation of our employees, who are rightly concerned and angered by this isolated incident. The plant has an excellent food safety record and employee relations.
- We are working with retailers to remove these products from their stores.
- We have also been in contact with the appropriate authorities to assist in the investigation and will continue to work with them.