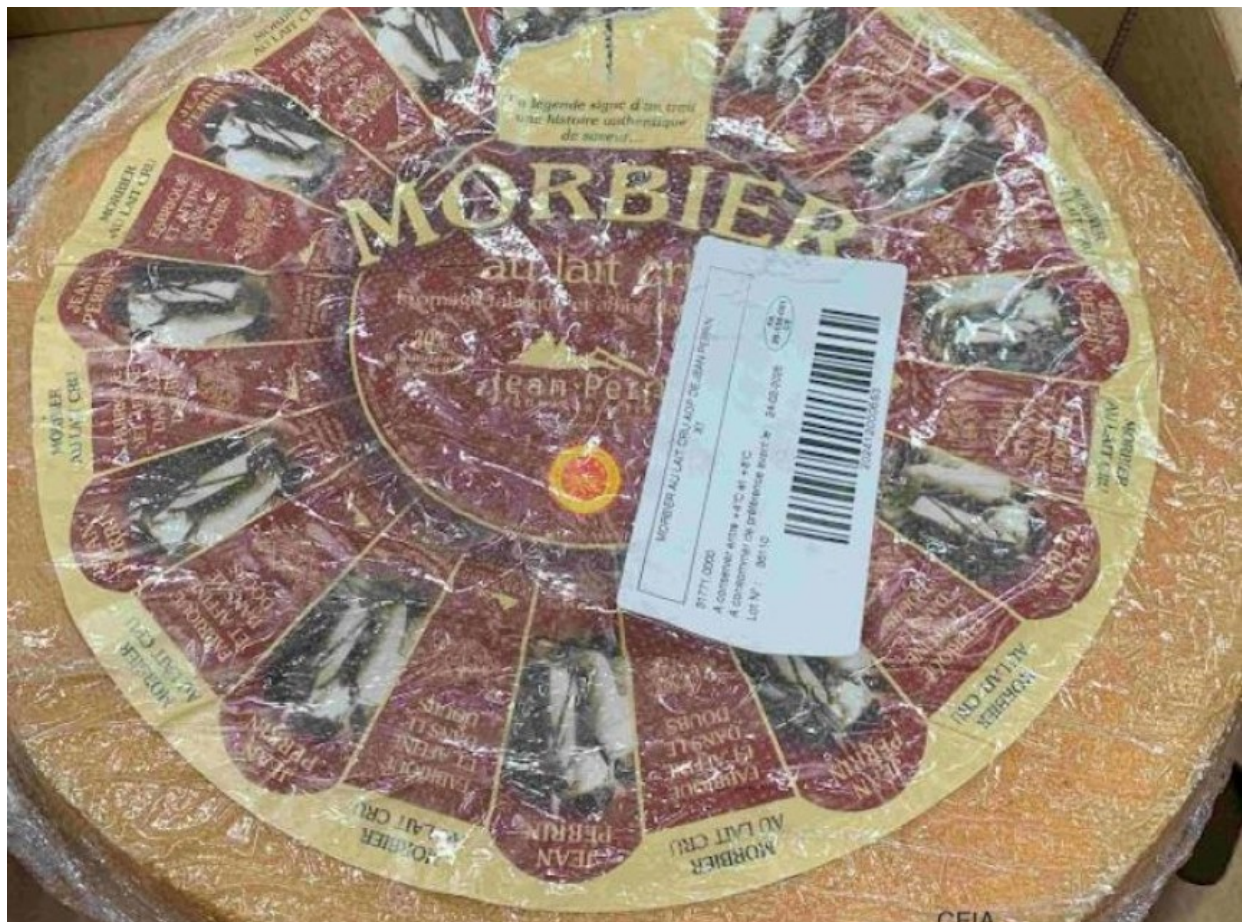


Environmental Health Announces Recall Of Morbier Cheese

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The Environmental Health Division has announced the recall of Morbier Cheese which is suspected to be contaminated with Shiga toxin producing *Escherichia coli* (E. Coli).

Acting Chief Environmental Health Officer, Ms. Henrietta Alexander said the announcement comes in response to health concerns regarding potential contamination of a producer of dairy products which resulted in the immediate recall of **Morbier AOP 45JOURS cheese** currently on the market.

Ms. Alexander said the recall follows reports from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) indicating that the affected batches may be contaminated with suspected *Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli* (E. coli), a dangerous pathogen associated with recent cases of Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS).

HUS cases has led to the identification of the potentially contaminated cheese, and it is strongly recommended that all consumers immediately refrain from consuming the recalled products.

Affected product details:

Product Name: Morbier Cheese

- **Brand:** Perrin-Vermot
- **UPC:** 202412000653
- **Lot #:** 36110 (24 Feb 25)
- 31304 (27 Jan 25)
- 33206 (26 Jan 25)

Ms. Alexander said *Shiga toxin-producing E. coli* can cause severe gastrointestinal illness, including stomach cramps, diarrhea (which may be bloody) and vomiting. In more severe cases, it can lead to hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), a rare but potentially fatal condition that affects kidney function, particularly in young children, the elderly and individuals with weakened immune systems.

Persons who may have consumed any of the affected Morbier cheese and are experiencing symptoms such as severe abdominal cramps, diarrhea, or vomiting,

should seek medical attention immediately.

“Consumers are strongly advised to discontinue use of the affected product even if they look or smell safe to eat.” Ms. Alexander said. She added, “Anyone in possession of the recalled product is requested to not sell, serve, or distribute them. The affected product should be returned to the place of purchase or thrown away immediately.”

Consumers should thoroughly sanitise any surface or utensils that have come into contact with the impacted product.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development, Environmental Health Division will continue to monitor the situation and advise the public, where necessary. For more information persons can contact the division at 468-5110.

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