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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2003-52

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**Lactalis USA Recalls Brie President Soft-Ripened Cheese Double Cream in Seven-Ounce Gold Foil Wedges Because of Possible Health Risk**

Turlock, CA - Lactalis USA of Turlock, CA announced that it is recalling 1,782 cases of Brie President Soft-Ripened Cheese Double Cream in seven-ounce gold foil wedges because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which 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.

The recalled Brie President Soft-Ripened Cheese Double Cream in seven-ounce gold foil wedges was distributed nationwide in retail stores.

The contaminated cheese was discovered through routine sampling and testing by the Florida State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Lactalis USA representatives report that no illnesses are known to have occurred as a result of consumption of this product. The product being recalled consists of seven-ounce packages bearing the lot code "**Sell by 01/10/04 307**". The code is found on the bottom of the gold foil packaging.

Consumers who possess any of the suspect packages are advised not to consume it and are asked to return it to the store where they purchased it. Refunds may be obtained at that time.

The Lactalis USA recall is being conducted in cooperation with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1 (800) 828-7031.