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At a Glance: Rich Products Corporation has issued a recall of their *Farm Rich Vegetable Sticks* because the product contains eggs – a known allergen. The label incorrectly does not point out the presence of eggs. **No known illnesses have been associated with this product.**

The Issue: People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to egg run the risk of a serious or life threatening allergic reaction if they consume products containing egg. The problem was discovered by Rich Products Corporation during a routine product evaluation. Egg allergies are the most common trigger of eczema, especially in children. Other common symptoms of egg allergies are hives and redness and swelling. Egg allergy rarely causes anaphylactic shock.

Am I Impacted? Your U.S. Foodservice Distributor will contact your establishment if you purchased the recalled product from us. Exact details, including when you bought it, how to identify it, and disposition instructions, will be provided at that time.

US Foodservice Position: At US Foodservice we take food safety very seriously. We also understand the extreme sensitivity of our customers to food-related health issues and are committed to keeping our customers abreast of the latest developments as fast as we get the information.

What You Can Do:

If you have a question about a product that may be recalled, check the FDA website @ www.FDA.gov. This list is updated regularly.

- Do not eat or serve products that have been recalled and throw them away in a manner that prevents others from eating them
- Persons who think they may be experiencing allergic reactions to food should consult their health care providers immediately
- Take this opportunity to evaluate your in-house allergens policy. Can your service staff respond properly to questions about allergens?
- Review your own internal recall procedures- does your staff know what to do if they receive notice that a product is being recalled?

Finally, count on U.S. Foodservice to keep you informed, and to keep recalled product out of your establishment.

This “fast facts” will be updated as news becomes available. Please contact Greg Pallaske, Director of Regulatory Compliance (847.232.5884) for additional information.