

Date: February 24, 2022

**To:** Johnsonville U.S. Retail Customers

From: Johnsonville's Food Safety Quality Team

Re: Product Withdrawal-Johnsonville Sausage Strips

Dear Valued Partner,

Out of an abundance of caution we are initiating a market withdrawal of **all four flavors of Johnsonville Sausage Strips on orders received through Feb. 24, 2022**. Via our internal quality testing we concluded that premature spoilage is occurring in some cases. This situation is a quality issue – not a health or safety issue – so there is no danger to consumers eating this product.

The UPC codes for Johnsonville Sausage Strips:

Our records confirm that you have recently purchased one or more varieties of Johnsonville Sausage Strips, so please:

- 1) Remove <u>all</u> Johnsonville Sausage Strip flavor/s from your stores and/or warehouse, document and destroy.
- 2) If you have over 20 cases in your warehouse, we can pick up for you and destroy; however you also have the option to destroy and document.
- 3) Complete the "Confirmation of Product Destruction" certificate (attached) to confirm the product has been destroyed.
- 4) Return this form via email to johnsonvilleosd@johnsonville.com to receive product credit.
- 5) If needed, Johnsonville customer service, sales members or brokers can work with you to resolve.

Our sausage strips portfolio is manufactured by our co-pack partner, Godshall's. Together, the quality experience of our consumers is a primary concern, so we are:

\* Informing FSIS about this issue. While we're executing a product withdrawal, we are also notifying FSIS, who will determine if a recall is warranted over the next few days. We've decided not to wait for the decision and remove all Johnsonville Sausage Strip varieties immediately due to this quality issue. If FSIS elevates this to a recall, we will inform you immediately.

\*Restocking Sausage Strips. Current orders placed through Friday, Feb. 25 for Sausage Strips will be cancelled. Please complete the product withdrawal effort before re-ordering Sausage Strips. While we are finalizing our production schedule, we expect that by Monday, Feb. 28, we can accept new orders – and we'll communicate with you on Monday afternoon the expected inventory plan and how quickly we can refill your stores and warehouses.

Thank you in advance for your help in making sure our shared consumers get the highest possible quality experience. We applogize for this inconvenience. We appreciate your assistance and commitment to product quality and safety as a valued partner of ours.

Sincerely,

Kevin Addesso

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