

Memorandum
State of Wisconsin
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Division of Food Safety

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## **FOOD MICROBIOLOGICAL ACTION LEVELS**

		Low Level of Concern	<10/g
	Vac Pak Meats/Sausages	Moderate Level of Concern	10-1,000/g
Staph	Sliced Deli Meats	High Level of Concern	1,000 – 50,000/g
Fact Sheet dfs-3049		Action Level – Immediately put product on hold and resample.	>50,000/g
	au 15 1116	Low Level of Concern	<100/g
	Sliced Deli Meats	Moderate Level of Concern	100 –500/g
E. coli		High Level of Concern	500 – 1,000/g
Fact Sheet dfs-3053		Action Level – If e-coli counts are greater than 1,000/gm. Immediately put product on hold and resample.	>1,000/g
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	g 1:	Low Level of Concern Moderate Level of Concern	<100/g
C 1'C	Sushi		100 –1000/g
Coliform	Sliced Deli Meats Deli Salads	High Level of Concern	>1,000/g
Fact Sheet	Cold Pack Cheese/Cheese Food	<b>Action Level</b> – Notify establishment &	
dfs-3047	Ice	verify clean-up	
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		Low Level of Concern	<2500 – 10,000/g
	Soft Serve Ice Creams	Moderate Level of Concern	10,000 - 100,000/g
SPC or APC	Deli Salads	High Level of Concern	100,000 - 500,000/g
Fact Sheet		<b>Action Level</b> – If e-coli > 450 OR SPC >	>500,000/g
dfs-3048 or		500,000/gm. Resample requesting SPC,	7 2 0 0,0 0 0 /g
dfs-3046		coliform and listeria analysis.	
		Low Level of Concern	<100/g
	Pasteurized Process Cheese /	Moderate Level of Concern	100 –500/g
Yeast	Cheese Foods	High Level of Concern	500 – 1,000/g
Fact Sheet dfs-3051		<b>Action Level</b> – Notify establishment and resample	>1,000/g

 $\label{low Level} \textbf{Low Level} - No \ action \ required.$ 

Moderate Level – Deliver fact sheet and resample product within 60 days.

**High Level** – Deliver fact sheet, schedule inspection and resample within 30 days.