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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
WARNS CONSUMERS NOT TO EAT SOY DELI TOFU
PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED IN EXPANDED RECALL**

RIVERSIDE - Dr. Eric Frykman, Riverside County Public Health Officer, today warns consumers not to eat Soy Deli brand tofu products identified in an expanded recall because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, a dangerous bacterium that may cause serious health problems. Pregnant women, the elderly, persons with weakened immune systems and infants are especially at risk.

While it appears that none of the identified stores based in Riverside County received shipments of the recalled product, Dr. Frykman is alerting residents of this potential risk. No illnesses have been reported in Riverside County in association with these products.

This alert follows a warning issued by the California Department of Public Health.

Quong Hop and Co. of South San Francisco, the manufacturer, this week expanded its previous recall of some of its tofu products to include all of the products identified below with date codes of 11/28/07 and 1/28/08 or any date code prior to the dates listed:

Date Code	Product	Package Size
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Five Spice Baked Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Hickory Baked Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Honey Sesame Baked Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Teriyaki Baked Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Savory Baked Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Mesquite Smoked Tofu	8 ounce

1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Hawaiian Style Fried Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Nigari Vacuum Pack Tofu	8 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Original Burger	6 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Garden Burger	6 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Barbeque Burger	6 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Teriyaki Burger	6 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Cajun Burger	6 ounce
1/28/08 or before	Soy Deli Nigari Vacuum Pack Tofu	12 ounce
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Water Packed Tofu – Orange	12 ounce
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Water Packed Tofu – Blue	12 ounce
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Water Packed Tofu – Red	12 ounce
11/28/07 or before	Quong Hop Water Packed Tofu – Red	16 ounce
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Nigari Tofu	30 ounce
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli (Bulk) Nigari Tofu	10 pound
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Nigari Tofu – Medium	10 pound
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Nigari Tofu – 54 piece	10 pound
11/28/07 or before	Soy Deli Nigari Tofu – Firm	10 pound and 25 pound

In California, the products were distributed to the following chain stores: Albertsons, Andronicos, Lunardi, Mollie Stones, Pavilion, PW Markets, Ralph's, Safeway, Save Mart, Stater Bros., Vons and Whole Foods Market.

A recall initiated last month came after routine surveillance sampling conducted by the Washington State Department of Agriculture's Food Safety Program detected *Listeria monocytogenes* in a 12-ounce package of "Soy Deli Firm Organic Nigari Tofu." The recall was expanded to include all tofu products that bear the use by dates previously referenced and all use by dates prior to these dates after additional laboratory analysis confirmed *Listeria monocytogenes* in recently manufactured products.

Although healthy individuals may experience only short-term symptoms such as fever, headache, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea; *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women and serious and sometimes fatal infections in the elderly, persons with weakened immune systems and newborns. Consumers with any of these symptoms should contact their medical provider.

Consumers who purchased these products should immediately discard them or return them to the point of purchase. Consumers with questions can call Quong Hop at 1-650-553-9900.