



## Meat and Poultry Recalls Statutory Requirements



California statute establishes specific requirements for businesses that initiate Class I and Class II recalls of meat and poultry products in California. The law applies to any processor, distributor, or broker who received or sold recalled meat and poultry products. The basic requirements include the following.

Any meat or poultry supplier, distributor, processor or broker that sells meat or poultry in California that is associated with a Class I or Class II USDA recall must:

- Immediately notify the California Department of Public Health (Department) by e-mail at [FDBERU@CDPH.CA.GOV](mailto:FDBERU@CDPH.CA.GOV) or by phone during normal business hours at (916) 650-6500.
- Provide the Department with a list of all customers who received any product subject to the recall, including the firm name, address, contact person's name, telephone number, fax, and email address. This list must include all pertinent identifying codes, brands, lot codes, establishment numbers, pack dates, etc., and be provided in an electronic format specified by the Department (see Excel spreadsheet below).
- Suppliers, distributors, processors, and brokers must immediately notify all customers who received the recalled product and keep a log of those notifications. Documentation of the notification must be provided to the Department if requested.

Please review the entire statute and provide to your staff who may be involved with meat and poultry recalls. If you have questions, please contact the Food and Drug Branch at (916) 650-6500.

[Meat and Poultry Recalls - Health and Safety Code 110806](#) (pdf)

[Spreadsheet for Recalled Meat and Poultry Distribution](#) (xls)

[What Are My Responsibilities During A Food Recall](#) (pdf)