**Appendix I**

**FDA/CFSAN/Consumer Studies Branch**

**Quick Turnaround Testing of Communication Effectiveness Survey**

**Frozen Strawberry Recall**

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**The following will be displayed at the beginning of each survey.**

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**Survey Begins Here**

Next are some questions about frozen strawberries.

A5a. Have you heard or read anything in the **last 2-3 weeks** about a recall of **frozen strawberries**, meaning that some frozen strawberries are being removed from the market because of a potential health hazard? The recalled frozen strawberries were sold at stores such as Costco, Aldi, and Trader Joe’s.

* Yes
* No 🡪 Skip pattern noted below
* Don’t know 🡪 Skip pattern noted below

[Note to programmer: For those who answered “No” or “Don’t know”, we will provide a short paragraph -

Frozen strawberries sold at several stores, including Costco and Aldi, and in a frozen fruit blend at Trader Joe’s are being recalled because of the products' potential link to an outbreak of hepatitis A infections. FDA recommends consumers to not eat recalled frozen strawberries. These recalled products should be returned or thrown away.

And then have these participants answer a sub-set of questions (in the order shown here): C10, C11, C33, D11, D4, D19, D21, C27, C29, C3, C5, C7, C8, C12, C13, D5, and all demographic questions.]

C10. Do you currently have any frozen strawberries in your home?

* Yes 🡪 Go to C11
* No 🡪 Skip C11
* Don’t know 🡪 Skip C11

C11. You mentioned that you currently have frozen strawberries in your home. What would you do about the frozen strawberries in your home after hearing there is a recall? Mark all that apply.

Note for programming: Only show each of the information source to participants who answered “yes” for that source in C10.

* Check if the frozen strawberries are recalled
* Throw it away
* Use it anyway
* Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

C33. After hearing about the frozen strawberries recall, would you tell your family or friends about it?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

A10. Did you hear any advice about **NOT** eating frozen strawberries?

* Yes 🡪 Go to A11
* No 🡪 Skip A11
* Don’t know 🡪 Skip A11

A11. How likely are you to follow that advice?

Note for programming: Skip pattern. Only show this question to participants who answered “Yes” to A10.

* Not at all likely
* Not very likely
* Somewhat likely
* Very likely
* Extremely likely
* I have already followed that advice

A18. Did you hear any advice about returning frozen strawberries to the store?

* Yes 🡪 Go to A19
* No 🡪 Skip A19
* Don’t know 🡪 Skip A19

A19. How likely are you to follow that advice?

Note for programming: Skip pattern. Only show this question to participants who answered “Yes” to A18.

* Not at all likely
* Not very likely
* Somewhat likely
* Very likely
* Extremely likely
* I have already followed that advice

A20. Did you hear any advice about discarding frozen strawberries?

* Yes 🡪 Go to A21
* No 🡪 Skip A21
* Don’t know 🡪 Skip A21

A21. How likely are you to follow that advice?

Note for programming: Skip pattern. Only show this question to participants who answered “Yes” to A20.

* Not at all likely
* Not very likely
* Somewhat likely
* Very likely
* Extremely likely
* I have already followed that advice

A22. Did you hear any advice about consulting your doctor or health care provider if you have eaten the recalled frozen strawberries?

* Yes 🡪 Go to A23
* No 🡪 Skip A23
* Don’t know 🡪 Skip A23

A23. How likely are you to follow that advice?

Note for programming: Skip pattern. Only show this question to participants who answered “Yes” to A22.

* Not at all likely
* Not very likely
* Somewhat likely
* Very likely
* Extremely likely
* I have already followed that advice

A24. Did you hear any other advice about frozen strawberries?

* Yes 🡪 Go to A25
* No 🡪 Skip A25, A26
* Don’t know 🡪 Skip A25, A26

A25. What did you hear?

Note for programming: Skip pattern. Only show this question to participants who answered “Yes” to A24.

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A26. How likely are you to follow that advice?

Note for programming: Skip pattern. Only show this question to participants who entered text for A25.

* Not at all likely
* Not very likely
* Somewhat likely
* Very likely
* Extremely likely
* I have already followed that advice

D9. In terms of protecting your and your family’s health, how important do you think it is to follow the frozen strawberries recall recommendations?

* Not at all important
* Not very important
* Somewhat important
* Very important
* Extremely important

A9. From which of the following information sources have you heard or read in the last 2-3 weeks about the frozen strawberries recall? Please select all that apply.

Note for programming:

1. Randomize the order of showing with “Another source” always at the bottom of the list;

2. “Please specify” as a pop-up only when participants choose “Yes” for “Another source”

3. Add soft prompt.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No | Not applicable |  |
| Television | ⭘ | ⭘ | ⭘ |  |
| News website | ⭘ | ⭘ | ⭘ |  |
| Social media | ⭘ | ⭘ | ⭘ |  |
| Print newspapers | ⭘ | ⭘ | ⭘ |  |
| Radio | ⭘ | ⭘ | ⭘ |  |
| Podcast | ⭘ | ⭘ | ⭘ |  |
| Family or friends | ⭘ | ⭘ | ⭘ |  |
| Doctors or health professional | ⭘ | ⭘ | ⭘ |  |
| Another source | ⭘ | ⭘ | ⭘ | Please specify: \_\_\_\_ |

B7. Did you seek out any of the following sources for information about the frozen strawberries recall? Note for programming: (1) Randomize the order of showing; (2) Add soft prompt.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No | Don’t Know |
| The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) |  |  |  |
| The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) |  |  |  |
| The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) |  |  |  |
| Your State Department of Health |  |  |  |
| The company producing the frozen strawberries |  |  |  |
| Television |  |  |  |
| News website |  |  |  |
| Social media |  |  |  |
| Print newspapers |  |  |  |
| Radio |  |  |  |
| Podcast |  |  |  |
| The store or place you usually purchase frozen strawberries |  |  |  |
| Your doctor or other health professional |  |  |  |
| Your family or friends |  |  |  |

B8. How did you contact each of the following sources for information? Check all that apply.

Note for programming: Only show each of the information source to participants who answered “yes” for that source in B7. For example, if a participant answers yes to CDC and FDA in B7, only show those two lines to that participant in this question. If a participant answers no to all four items listed here, skip B8.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Website | Phone | Email | Social Media | In-person |
| The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |
| The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |
| The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |
| Your State Department of Health | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |
| The company producing the frozen strawberries | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |
| The store or place you usually purchase frozen strawberries | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 | 🞏 |

B12. How informed would you say you are about the current frozen strawberries recall?

* Not at all informed
* Not very informed
* Somewhat informed
* Very informed
* Extremely informed

B13. How informed would you say you are about each of the following?

Note for programming: Add soft prompt.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Not at all informed | Not very informed | Somewhat informed | Very informed | Extremely informed |
| * 1. What the government is doing to find the source of the problem |  |  |  |  |  |
| * 1. What producers/retailers are doing to find the source of the problem |  |  |  |  |  |

B14. How informed would you say you are about each of the following?

Note for programming: Add soft prompt.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Not at all informed | Not very informed | Somewhat informed | Very informed | Extremely informed |
| 1. The number of U.S. States involved in the frozen strawberries recall |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Whether the State where you live is involved in the frozen strawberries recall |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. What the government is doing to make sure the recalled frozen strawberries are removed from the market |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. What producers/retailers are doing to make sure the recalled frozen strawberries are removed from the market |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. What the government is doing to make sure the frozen strawberries recall doesn’t happen again |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. What producers/retailers are doing to make sure the frozen strawberries recall doesn’t happen again |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick from contaminated frozen strawberries |  |  |  |  |  |

D11. In terms of the frozen strawberries recall recommendations, which information sources do you trust? Mark all that apply.

Note for programming: Randomize the order of showing, except “None of the above” should always be kept at the bottom of the list.

* The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
* The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
* The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
* Your State Department of Health
* The company producing the product
* Television
* News website
* Social media
* Print newspaper
* Radio
* Podcast
* The store or place you usually purchase frozen strawberries
* Your doctor or other health professionals
* Your family or friends
* None of the above

D4. In your opinion, how serious are the health consequences of eating the frozen strawberries from this recall?

* Not at all serious
* Not very serious
* Somewhat serious
* Very serious
* Extremely serious
* Don’t know

D19. How worried are you about getting ill from recalled frozen strawberries?

* Not at all worried
* Not very worried
* Somewhat worried
* Very worried
* Extremely worried

D21. Which of the following emotions describe your reactions to frozen strawberries being recalled? Mark all that apply.

Note for programming:

1. Randomize the order of showing for the first four items (angry, sad, anxious and frightened);
2. “Some other emotion” should always be kept as the 5th in order;
3. “None of the above” should always be kept at the bottom of the list.

* Angry
* Sad
* Anxious
* Frightened
* Some other emotion, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* None of the above

C3. How safe do you think it is currently to eat frozen strawberries associated with the recall?

* Not at all safe
* Not very safe
* Somewhat safe
* Very safe
* Extremely safe
* Don’t know

C5. How safe do you think it is currently to eat frozen strawberries that are **NOT** associated with the recall?

* Not at all safe
* Not very safe
* Somewhat safe
* Very safe
* Extremely safe
* Don’t know

C7. How safe do you think it is to eat frozen strawberries when there **isn’t** a recall?

* Not at all safe
* Not very safe
* Somewhat safe
* Very safe
* Extremely safe
* Don’t know

Next we are going to ask about your usual consumption of frozen strawberries.

C8. Have you eaten frozen strawberries …?

Note for programming: Add soft prompt.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No | Don’t Know |
| In the past 12 months |  |  |  |
| In the past 30 days |  |  |  |
| In the past 7 days |  |  |  |

C12. Would you say that frozen strawberries are something you eat regularly?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

C13. About how often do you eat frozen strawberries?

* Once per day or more frequently
* 2 to 4 times per week
* 5 to 7 times per week
* 1 to 3 times per month
* Less than once per month

C19. Since hearing about the frozen strawberries recall, have you changed how much frozen strawberries you eat? Are you eating: …? Select one best answer.

* More frozen strawberries
* About the same amount of frozen strawberries
* Less frozen strawberries
* No frozen strawberries at all
* Don’t know

D5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Note for programming: Add soft prompt.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly disagree | Somewhat disagree | Neither disagree nor agree | Somewhat agree | Strongly agree |
| 1. I want to protect myself from getting foodborne illnesses (or getting sick from food) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. I want to protect my family from getting foodborne illnesses (or getting sick from food) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. I have the ability to protect myself from foodborne illnesses (or getting sick from food) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. I have the ability to protect my family from foodborne illnesses (or getting sick from food) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Foodborne illnesses (or getting sick from food) is a big concern for me |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Foodborne illnesses (or getting sick from food) is a big concern for my family |  |  |  |  |  |

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Next are some questions for statistical purposes.

F1. Have you ever worked in any of the following industries? (Mark one for each row)

Note for programming: Add soft prompt.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No |
| * 1. Food Manufacturing |  |  |
| * 1. Farming |  |  |
| * 1. Restaurant or other food service |  |  |
| * 1. Health care |  |  |
| * 1. Public health |  |  |

F2. Do you have or have you ever had a ServSafe® or other similar safe food handling certification?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

F3. Would you say your health in general is:

* Excellent
* Very good
* Good
* Fair
* Poor

F4. In the past year, did you get sick from eating spoiled or unsafe food? **DO NOT** include allergies to food.

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

F5. Do you have any current food allergies, or do you suspect you have a food allergy?

* Yes 🡪 Go to F6
* No 🡪 Skip F6

F6. Has a medical doctor diagnosed your condition as a food allergy?

Note for programming: Skip pattern. Only show this question to participants who answered “Yes” to E5.

* Yes
* No

F7. Has a medical doctor or health care professional ever diagnosed you as having a compromised immune system, for example, because of hypertension or high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, respiratory diseases, kidney disease, autoimmune disorder, cancer, or another condition?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

F8. How many total people, including yourself, currently live in your household?

Enter number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ total people

Note for programming: (1) Only allow numeric characters; (2) Set a maximum value = 20.

F9. Is there any child (under age 18) currently living in your household?

Note for programming: Skip pattern. Only show this question to participants who fill in a number larger than 1.

* Yes 🡪 Go to E10
* No 🡪 Skip E10

F10. Are you the parent or primary caregiver to any of the children in your household?

* Yes
* No

F11. Is there any adult who is 65 years of age or older currently living in your household? Please select all that apply.

* Yes, I am 65 years or older
* Yes, someone in my household is 65 years or older
* No
* Don’t know

F12. Are you or is anyone in your household pregnant? Please select all that apply.

* Yes, I am pregnant
* Yes, someone in my household is pregnant
* No
* Don’t know

F17. What language or languages do you usually speak at home? (Mark all that apply)

* English
* Spanish
* Other language(s)

Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

F18. What is the last grade or year of school that you have completed?

* Less than high school degree
* High school graduate or GED
* 1-3 years college/some college
* College graduate – bachelor’s degree
* Postgraduate, master’s degree, doctorate, law degree, other professional degree

F19. What was your total household income before taxes during the past 12 months?

* Less than $25,000
* $25,000 to $34,999
* $35,000 to $49,999
* $50,000 to $74,999
* $75,000 to $99,999
* $100,000 to $149,999
* $150,000 or more
* Don’t know

**END OF SURVEY**

We appreciate you taking the time to participate in our study. Is there anything you’d like to add?

**END OF SURVEY, THANK RESPONDENTS**

Note for programming: (1) Provide a submit button; (2) Once participants have clicked the submit button, provide link(s), as needed; (3) have the link(s) pop up in a new tab/window on the browser.

<https://www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/outbreak-investigation-hepatitis-virus-infections-frozen-strawberries-february-2023>

<https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/outbreaks/2023/hav-contaminated-food/index.htm>