

Spain posts international health alert for listeria outbreak

August 22 2019, by Associated Press

Spain has issued international health alerts in light of a widening outbreak of listeria from pork meat that has affected 150 people and killed one person.

Health Minister María Luisa Carcedo said Thursday alerts had been posted to the European Union and the World Health Organization given the possibility that some tourists may be affected.

The outbreak started Aug. 15 in the southern Andalusia region and claimed its first victim, a 90-year-old woman, Monday.

The product blamed for the outbreak is a stringy cooked meat sold under the brand "La Mechá."

Authorities have closed the supplier plant and are testing all its products.

Listeria is a bacteria that usually causes mild illness but can be dangerous to [pregnant women](#) or people with weak immune systems.

© 2019 The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Citation: Spain posts international health alert for listeria outbreak (2019, August 22) retrieved 27 April 2024 from <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2019-08-spain-international-health-listeria-outbreak.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private

study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.