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NEWFOUNDLAND SUPREME COURT CERTIFIES CLASS ACTION AGAINST
HILLY ACRES FARM FOR 2021 EGG-RELATED SALMONELLA OUTBREAK

Stephen Barnes, of Bob Buckingham Law, class counsel in an action against Hilly Acres Farm for the late 2020 egg-related salmonella outbreak that affected individuals in Newfoundland and Cape Breton announced today that the Newfoundland and Labrador Supreme Court has certified the class action against the Defendant.

On October 8th, 2020 (updated on October 9th, 2020 and December 12th, 2020) the Canadian Food Inspection Agency issued a Food Recall and Notification advising that eggs produced at Hilly Acres Farm were being recalled due to Salmonella contamination. These eggs were sold under various brand names, including Farmer John Eyking, Eyking Delite, Compliments, Maritime Pride, Nova Eggs, Nova Eggs Ultra, Nova Eggs Eggsquisite, and Great Value.

Bob Buckingham Law was retained to represent several members of the public who consumed the contaminated eggs and were subsequently diagnosed and treated for salmonella poisoning.

“This is a major step forward in this class action. The Statement of Claim was filed in 2021. The certification hearing took place over the course of several days throughout the winter and spring of 2024 as the parties and the Court worked towards a final certification order. Now that the matter has been certified, our team will work towards bringing the matter to a speedy conclusion as quickly as possible”, said Mr. Barnes.

“We encourage anyone who was diagnosed with salmonella poisoning, or developed symptoms consistent with salmonella poisoning after consuming eggs subject to this recall to register with us by visiting our website. Residents of Cape Breton will need to opt-in to participate in this action. The deadline and procedure to opt-in can be found on our website.” The deadline is December 26, 2024.

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More information on this Class Action can be obtained from Stephen Barnes of Bob Buckingham Law, 81 Bond Street, St. John's, Newfoundland (709) 739-6688 (phone), (709) 739-6686 (fax), and sbarnes@buckinghamlaw.ca.

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