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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

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**Mahan Packing Issues Precautionary Recall for Potential Product Contamination**

BRISTOLVILLE, Ohio (Dec. 22, 2009) – Mahan Packing of Bristolville, Ohio announces a voluntary recall of approximately 772 pounds of veal due to potential product contamination with *E. coli* O157:H7.

“This voluntary recall is a precautionary measure by Mahan Packing,” said owner Ray Mahan. “We are confident that this is an isolated incident and that our food safety programs are designed to produce a safe and wholesome product. We voluntarily are withdrawing these products to ensure the safety of our customers.”

The products subject to recall include nine veal carcasses. The recalled veal carcasses were delivered to the following stores between Dec. 16 and Dec. 21:

- Rulli Brothers, 4331 Kirk Rd., Austintown, Ohio 44511
- Zagreb Meats, 6706 St. Clair, Cleveland, Ohio 44103
- Sebastian Meats, 1979 W. 25<sup>th</sup>, Cleveland, Ohio 44113

The Ohio Department of Agriculture Consumer Analytical Laboratory confirmed a positive test for *E. coli* O157:H7 in a sample taken from Mahan Packing on Dec. 16. Although the product that tested positive was held at Mahan’s facility and not shipped, the 772 pounds of veal may potentially be contaminated as well and must be returned. There have been no reported illnesses from the products involved in this voluntary recall.

According to the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service, *E. coli* O157:H7 is a potentially deadly bacterium that can cause bloody diarrhea, dehydration, and in the most severe cases, kidney failure. The very young, seniors and persons with weak immune systems are the most susceptible to foodborne illness.

Mahan Packing urges its customers to not consume the recalled product and to return it to the store where it was purchased. For more information about this voluntary recall, contact company representative Karla Williams (330) 442-7912.