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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Interested Parties
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Wisconsin Firm Recalls Beef Stick Products That May Contain Foreign Materials

Klement Sausage Company, Inc., a Milwaukee, Wisc., establishment, is recalling approximately 2,740 pounds of beef stick products that may contain foreign materials, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The products subject to recall include:

- 8-ounce packages of "MARKET PANTRY BEEF STICKS, ORIGINAL."

Each package is vacuum packaged and has a "Use By" date of March 1, 2012. The packages bear the establishment number "2426B" inside the USDA mark of inspection and indicate "Refrigerate After Opening" on the label. Each shipping carton weighs 10 pounds and bears the code "03293." The beef stick products were produced on August 31, 2010, packaged on September 1, 2010, and shipped to distribution centers and retail stores nationwide.

The problem was discovered after a retail chain reported consumer complaints about finding hard plastic and/or pieces of glass in the product. FSIS has not received any consumer complaints or reports of injury at this time. Anyone concerned about an injury from consumption of this product should contact a physician.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact company Vice President of Special Projects Jeffrey P. Klement at (414) 744-2330.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.