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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2011-106

Pennsylvania Firm Recalls Pureed Pork Products That May Contain Foreign Materials

WASHINGTON, Sept 26, 2011 - K. Heeps, Inc., an Allentown, Penn., establishment, is recalling approximately 5,550 pounds of pureed pork 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:

- 4.5-lb. boxes of Imperial Sysco "Puree Shaped Meats Country Style Pork and Binder Product"

Each box bears "EST. 9379" inside the USDA mark of inspection and a production code of 06/16/11. The pureed pork products were produced on June 16, 2011, and shipped to Calif., Fla., Ill., Ky., Md., Mo., N.J., Ohio, Pa., Texas, Utah, and Va. for institutional use.

The problem was discovered when two consumers reported finding small metal fragments in the products. The metal pieces may have broken off of the blending equipment during clean up and reassembly at the plant and subsequently entered the product. FSIS and the company have received no reports of illnesses or injury associated with consumption of these products. Individuals concerned about an illness or injury should contact a healthcare provider.

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

Media with questions regarding the recall should contact the company's President, Beau Heeps at (610) 530-5553. Consumers with questions regarding the recall should contact the company's Quality Assurance Manager, David Pychinka, at (610) 530-5564.

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.