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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2011-80

Ohio Firm Recalls Various Beef Jerky Products due to Misbranding and Undeclared Allergens

WASHINGTON, July 22, 2011 – Yant Beef Jerky, a Jackson Center, Ohio establishment, is recalling approximately 6,200 pounds of various beef jerky products because of misbranding and undeclared allergens. The products contain a known allergen, fish in the form of an anchovy puree in Worcestershire sauce, that is not declared on the label, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The following product is subject to recall:

- 1.6-ounce, 3.25-ounce and 7-ounce packages of "YANT'S HOT BEEF JERKY"
- 1.6-ounce, 3.25-ounce and 7-ounce packages of "YANT'S X HOT BEEF JERKY"
- 1.6-ounce, 3.25-ounce and 7-ounce packages of "YANT'S MILD BEEF JERKY"
- 1.6-ounce, 3.25-ounce and 7-ounce packages of "YANT'S SOUTHERN BBQ BEEF JERKY"
- 1.6-ounce, 3.25-ounce and 7-ounce packages of "YANT'S HOT AND SWEET BEEF JERKY"

The products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST. 21371" inside the USDA mark of inspection and have a sell by date ranging from July 20, 2011, to April 17, 2012, on the label. The products were sent to retail establishments in Ohio and Indiana. A small amount of the products were sold online.

The problem was discovered by an FSIS inspector who conducted a label review prompted by the July 7, 2011, release of FSIS Notice 35.11. FSIS took the step of issuing this notice in an effort to protect vulnerable consumers after observing an increase in the number of products recalled this year due to the presence of undeclared allergens or other ingredients. Under the new instructions, FSIS personnel are charged with making establishments aware of the importance and prevalence of undeclared allergens in meat and poultry products, and how to best ensure labels are kept accurate and current.

The problem with the products Yant Beef Jerky is recalling today arose because the company changed ingredient suppliers and began using Worcestershire sauce, which contains anchovy puree, in its ingredient blend. The company's label lists Worcestershire Sauce as an ingredient, but failed to list anchovy puree. FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about a reaction 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.

Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact the company's owner, Steven Yant at 937-622-1583.

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.

Ask Karen is available as an app for your iPad, iPhone, or Android mobile device, so you can take her with you to the grocery store, to the barbecue grill, or wherever you may have food safety questions. Go to m.askKaren.gov on your mobile device's browser, or download the app for free from the Android app store.