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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2012-045

Pennsylvania Firm Recalls Chorizo Product Due To Misbranding and an Undeclared Allergen

WASHINGTON, May 10, 2012 - Euro Foods, Inc., which also does business as Citterio USA Corp., a Freeland, Pa. establishment, is recalling approximately 5,156 pounds of a chorizo product because of misbranding and an undeclared allergen. The product contains soy protein, which is an allergen that is not declared on the label, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The products subject to recall include:

- 7-oz packages of "CITTERIO RUSTICO CHORIZO SPANISH STYLE," containing 24 pieces of chorizo. Each package is marked with an identifying lot number "659," and has an expiration date of either "8/12/12" or "9/29/12."
- 7-oz packages of "CITTERIO RUSTICO CHORIZO SPANISH STYLE," containing 24 pieces of chorizo. Each package is marked with an identifying lot number "135," and has an expiration date of "11/30/12."

The product subject to recall bears the establishment number "EST. 4010" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The product was produced on Nov. 5, 2011, and Feb. 28, 2012, and was distributed to retail establishments and wholesale distributors in Florida, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Tennessee and Texas.

The problem was discovered by FSIS personnel during a routine food safety assessment and may have occurred as a result of a change in the ingredient formulation of a spice mix used in the product. FSIS and the company have not received reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of this product. 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 that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumers and reporters with questions about the recall should contact the company's Vice President of Sales, Joseph Petruce, at (570) 636-3171.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov or via smartphone at m.askkaren.gov. "Ask Karen" live chat services are available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. 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.