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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2013-027

New Jersey Firm Recalls Chicken Sausage Product That May Contain Foreign Materials

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27, 2013 - Schmalz's European Provisions, a Springfield, N.J. establishment, is recalling approximately 8,424 pounds of chicken and apple sausage that may contain small pieces of plastic, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The following product is subject to recall:

12 oz. vacuum packages of "Applegate Organics Chicken and Apple Sausage" with "Use or Freeze By 03/17/13" on each package.

The recalled product bears the establishment number "P-5411" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The products were produced on January 24, 2013, and were sold in retail stores nationwide and through limited internet sales in New Jersey.

The problem was discovered after the company received three consumer complaints. FSIS and the company have received no reports of injury at this time. Anyone concerned about an injury from consumption of these products should contact a healthcare provider.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify that 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 Gina Asoudegan, Public Affairs Specialist or Gerry Clarkson, Consumer Affairs Specialist at (800) 587-5858.

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. ET Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day. For information on how to report a problem with a meat, poultry or processed egg product to FSIS at any time, visit www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/Problems_With_Food_Products/index.asp