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DATE: January 29, 2014
TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties
RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2014-010

Arkansas Firm Recalls Frozen Chicken Products Due To Misbranding and Undeclared Allergens

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27, 2014 – George’s Inc., a Springdale, Ark. establishment, is recalling approximately 1.25 million pounds of frozen par-fried chicken tender products because of misbranding and an undeclared allergen, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. The products are formulated with wheat, a known allergen, which was not properly declared on the labels.

The products subject to recall include:

- 10-lb. cases of “George’s Uncooked Breaded Chicken Breast Tenderloins” with Case Code 4831 and packaging dates between Feb. 21, 2013 and Dec. 19, 2013.
- 10-lb. cases of “George’s Uncooked Chicken Tenderloin Fritters” with Case Code 4861 and packaging dates between Feb. 21, 2013 and Jan. 4, 2014.
- 10-lb. cases of “George’s Uncooked Chicken Tenderloin Fritters” with Case Code 4880 and packaging dates between Feb. 21, 2013 and Jul. 19, 2013.

The products subject to recall bear the establishment number “P-13584” under the USDA Mark of Inspection and were sold to wholesale locations for distribution to institutional users nationwide.

The problem was discovered during a routine label review conducted by the company, which then contacted FSIS. The problem occurred due to isolated printer issues that caused some labels to print without selected ingredients. The issue has been corrected.

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 that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumers with questions about the recall should contact Ali Perry at (479) 927-7256. Media with questions about the recall should contact Glen Balch at (479) 927-7105.

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.