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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2015-10

Iowa Firm Recalls Beef Products Due To Misbranding and Undeclared Allergens

Agri Star Meat & Poultry, a Postville, Iowa establishment, is recalling approximately 1,690 pounds of beef products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. The products may contain peanuts, known allergens, which are not declared on the product label.

The following items, produced on September 29, 2014, are subject to recall:

- 13.5 oz. vacuum-packed packages containing 8 pieces of "Aaron's BEST GLUTEN FREE Beef Franks Hot & Spicy CHIPOTLE."

The products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST. 4653A" inside the USDA mark of inspection. They were shipped to retail locations nationwide

The problem was discovered when the company's ingredient supplier informed them that the ground cumin spice, used to produce the Hot and Spicy Beef Franks, may have been contaminated with peanut residue.

FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness 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. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on the FSIS website at www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls.

Consumers and media with questions about the recall can contact Yaakov Labowitz, VP of Sales and Marketing, at (718) 440-0459.

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. 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. The online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/reportproblem>.