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DATE: October 13, 2016  
TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties  
RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-128

**Kuster's, Inc. Voluntarily Recalls Product Because Of Possible Health Risk**

October 12, 2016 - Camden, MI - Kuster's, Inc. of is voluntarily recalling 14,238 pounds of its shredded, sliced and cubed cheese out of an abundance of caution. Kuster's, Inc., was notified by its supplier, Farm Country Cheese, Lakeview, MI, that the cheese has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women. Kuster's, Inc. is complying with this recall and recalling any product that may have been processed on its manufacturing equipment after the cheese in question was processed.

The shredded cheese was distributed in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Products included in this voluntary recall are: sharp white cheddar, mozzarella/muenster/provolone, Monterey Jack, pepper jack, four blend, three blend; pepper jack cubes; and co/jack slices. Product dates can be found in the bottom center of the label.

The shredded cheese was sold in 5 pound plastic bags under the Kuster's Dairy Foods, Fata's Best and Nor-Tech Dairy labels. Shredded cheese was packaged under the following labels:

Kuster's Dairy Foods Three Blend (pack date 10/05/16)

Fata's Best Four Blend Feather Shred (lot date 27916)

Fata's Best Mozzarella Muenster Provolone Feather Shred (lot date 27916)

Fata's Best Monterey Jack Feather Shred (lot date 27916)

Fata's Best PepperJack Feather Shred (Lot date 27816)

Nor-Tech Dairy Mozz/Muenster/Prov Feather Shred (best used by: 12-05-2016)

Nor-Tech Dairy Sharp White Cheddar Feather Shred (packed on 10.04.2016)

The cubed cheese was packaged under the following label:

Nor-Tech Dairy PepperJack 3/4" Cubed (packed on 10/04/2016).

The sliced cheese was packaged under the following label:

Kuster's Dairy Foods Sliced Colby Jack

No illnesses have been reported to date.

The recall was the result of confirmation from the cheese manufacturer of a possible contamination of the product received. Kuster's, Inc. has ceased production and distribution of the product as the FDA and the company continue their investigations.

Consumers who have purchased any of these products are urged not to consume the product and to return it to Kuster's, Inc. for a full refund. Customers with questions may contact the company at 517-368-5174 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST.