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DATE: May 10, 2010
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Public Health Alert; Ready-to-eat deli meat products because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*; Reported in case of consumer inquiry.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. Implicated products were produced by Zadi Foods Ltd., CFIA Establishment 665, located in Brampton, Ontario, and may have been distributed to retail locations nationwide. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

FSIS Issues Public Health Alert for Various Ready-To-Eat Deli Meat Products

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WASHINGTON, May 10, 2010 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is issuing a public health alert for various ready-to-eat deli meat products because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

FSIS was notified by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) that various ready-to-eat deli meat products subject to recall in Canada may have been exported to the United States. Recently, a problem was discovered through FSIS microbiological testing of imported product from Canadian Establishment 665, which resulted in a positive sample for *Listeria monocytogenes* and two FSIS recalls dated May 4 and 5, 2010. FSIS and Canada have received no reports of illnesses as result of consumption of products subject to this alert. Anyone with signs or symptoms of foodborne illness should contact a physician. FSIS will continue to provide

information as it becomes available, including information about any related recall

activity.

Products exported to the United States include, but are not limited to, the following:

- "Casa Italia Gastronomia Prosciutto"
- "Casa Italia Gastronomia Prosciutto Boneless"
- "Casa Italia Gastronomia Prosciutto Mattonella"
- "Casa Italia Prosciutto Boneless"
- "Casa Italia Prosciutto Boneless Sliced"
- "Casa Italia Prosciutto Ham Sliced"
- "Emma Dry Prosciutto"

Implicated products were produced by Zadi Foods Ltd., CFIA Establishment 665, located in Brampton, Ontario, and may have been distributed to retail locations nationwide. The products would have been sold to consumers at deli counters, and the original brand may not have been transferred at the deli counters to consumer packages. All lots and production dates for the above-listed products are subject to this public health alert.

Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis. However, listeriosis can cause high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea. Listeriosis can also cause miscarriages and stillbirths, as well as serious and sometimes fatal infections in those with weakened immune systems, such as infants, the elderly and persons with HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy.

Consumers with questions about the recall should contact the CFIA at (800) 442-2342 / TTY (800) 465-7735. Media with questions about recall should contact Zadi Foods Ltd.'s President, Vincenzo DiBattisia, at 1-905-799-6666, ext. 5234.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at 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.