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DATE: January 22, 2010
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist
FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Expanded recall of Parker Cheeses – Firm Press Release from The Wisconsin Cheeseman®
SUGGESTED ACTION: There was limited distribution in Indiana through catalog sales so this is being provided in case of consumer inquiry

The Wisconsin Cheeseman® Recalls Cheese Logs/Cheese Balls

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Sun Prairie, WI - January 10, 2010 – The Wisconsin Cheeseman® announced today that it is recalling cheese log/cheese ball products in conjunction with the voluntary recall initiated by Parkers Farm, Inc. on January 15, 2010. Parkers Farm, Inc., located in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, believes some of its food items have the potential to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes bacteria. The recall was a result of a sampling done by the state of Wisconsin and the state of Minnesota.

Nine of the recalled products are cheese logs/cheese balls purchased from Parkers Farm, Inc. and then distributed by The Wisconsin Cheeseman®. These products bear the Parkers Farm logo. None of the other recalled products at Parkers Farm, Inc. was purchased or distributed by The Wisconsin Cheeseman®.

The Wisconsin Cheeseman® Food Gifts Impacted by Recall:

- Sausage 'N Cheese Logs – Gift #11
- Cheese Logs & Cutting Board – Gift #87
- Smorgasbord – Gift #325
- Cheese Log Trio – Gift #365
- Cheese Logs – Gift #411
- Cheese Ball Trio – Gift #441
- Cheese Logs – Gift #509

Snacker Pack – Gift #751

Cheese Balls & Sausages – Gift #876

Consumers who have these products in their possession should not consume them. Product should be returned to The Wisconsin Cheeseman® for a refund or replacement. Consumers who believe they may have become ill after consuming these products should contact their health care provider. The Wisconsin Cheeseman® has not received any complaints or reports of illness associated with these products.

Listeria monocytogenes bacteria is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria often experience fever, severe headaches, stiffness, diarrhea, nausea and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria can result in miscarriage or stillbirth among pregnant women.

Photos: The Wisconsin Cheeseman® Recalls Cheese Logs/Cheese Balls







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