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DATE: March 27, 2014

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Oscars Smokehouse Inc. - RECALL [Food]

AFFECTED
PRODUCT: 7-oz. "CHEESE SPREADS"

SUMMARY: Unclassified Recall; Oscars Smokehouse, Inc. is recalling 11 of its 7-oz. "Cheese Spreads" because they have the potential to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes.

The 7-oz. "CHEESE SPREADS" varieties are marked with 3 digit lot numbers ranging from "719-959" and are in a clear plastic container marked with the lot numbers (719-959) on the bottom of the container or on the cheese spread label itself.

The recalled products are listed below:

- JALAPENO PEPPER CHEDDAR SPREAD, NET WT 7 OZS.
- CHEDDAR SPREAD & BLUE CHEESE, NET WT 7 OZS.
- CHAMPAGNE CHEDDAR SPREAD, NET WT 7 OZS.
- GARLIC CHEDDAR SPREAD, NET WT 7 OZS.
- PORT WINE CHEDDAR SPREAD, NET WT 7 OZS.

- TANGY HORSERADISH CHEDDAR SPREAD, NET WT 7 OZS.
- PLAIN CHEDDAR SPREAD, NET WT 7 OZS.
- "MORE THAN" CHEDDAR SPREAD, NET WT 7 OZS.
- HICKORY SMOKED CHEDDAR SPREAD, NET WT 7 OZS.
- BACON & HORSERADISH CHEDDAR SPREAD, NET WT 7 OZS.
- BACON CHEDDAR SPREAD, NET WT 7 OZS.

These products were distributed nationwide through mail order sales, wholesale sales and one retail store between 3/21/2013 to 3/21/2014.

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Recommend notification of affected parties via phone, fax, or e-mail. Consumers who have purchased any of the 7-oz. "CHEESE SPREAD" products are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Customers with any questions may contact Oscar's Smokehouse, Inc. at 1-800-627-3431, Monday-Sunday 8am-6pm, EST. Furthermore, if any recalled products are found, notify this office at 317-233-3213.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Oscar's Smokehouse, Inc. Recalls "Eleven Varieties (11) Of Cheese Spreads" Because of Possible Health Risk

Contact:

Consumer:
1-800-627-3431
Jerold Quintal
518-623-3431

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 26, 2014 - Oscars Smokehouse Inc. of Warrensburg, New York is recalling eleven (11) of its 7-oz. "CHEESE SPREADS" varieties marked with 3 digit lot numbers ranging from "719-959" because they have the potential to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes:

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Listeria monocytogenes is 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.

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The product comes in a 7 oz., clear plastic container marked with lot numbers 719-959 on the bottom of the container or on the cheese spread label itself.

NO ILLNESSES HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO DATE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROBLEM.

The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing by the MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE (MDA) revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in 15 products, which included the 5.5lb.package of CHEESE SPREAD BASE produced by PARKERS FARM ACQUISITION, LLC that was used to further manufacture the above mentioned Oscar's Smokehouse Cheese Spreads.

The production of this product has been suspended while the FDA and PARKER FARM continue to investigate the source of the problem.

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This recall is being conducted with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

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