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

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Manda Packing Company Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Class I Recall; Approximately 20,166 pounds of cooked roast beef deli meat due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*; Information is being provided in case of consumer inquiry.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Illinois. The products were packed on February 27, 2013, and shipped for further distribution and to retail deli stores in Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Illinois, and Tennessee.

Louisiana Firm Recalls Roast Beef Deli Meat Due To Possible *Listeria Monocytogenes* Contamination

Recall Release
FSIS-RC-028-2013

CLASS I RECALL
HEALTH RISK: HIGH

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WASHINGTON, April 10, 2013 - Manda Packing Company, a Baker, La., establishment, is recalling approximately 20,166 pounds of cooked roast beef deli meat due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

Various weights of the following products are subject to recall:

- Manda Supreme Roast Beef
- Four Star Cajun Roast Beef
- Four Star Roast Beef
- Cajun Prize Roast Beef
- Manda Supreme Natural Roast Beef
- Manda Natural Roast Beef

- Manda New Orleans Style Roast Beef
- Manda Whole Wet Pack Roast Beef

Each package has a "Sell by" date of May 13, 2013, and bears the establishment number "EST. 8746A" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These products may have been sliced at retail delis, and if so will not bear this packaging information. The products were packed on February 27, 2013, and shipped for further distribution and to retail deli stores in Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Illinois, and Tennessee.

FSIS was alerted to the problem by the Tennessee Department of Health, who took an intact sample of cooked roast beef at a retail establishment on April 5, 2013, which later confirmed positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*. FSIS and the company have received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify that 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/FSIS_Recalls/Open_Federal_Cases .

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. Individuals concerned about an illness should contact a health care provider.

Media and consumers with questions about the recall should contact Josh Yarborough, Director of Quality Assurance and Food Safety, at (225) 344-7636, ext. 55.

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. "Ask Karen" live chat services are available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. 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: www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/Problems_With_Food_Products/index.asp.

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