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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,  
ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2004-15

Date: April 30, 2004

**RECALL NOTIFICATION REPORT**

***U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE***  
**FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE**

**PRODUCTS RECALLED:** Fresh Ground Beef

**PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:** Produced April 9, 2004. The products subject to recall are 80-pound boxes of:

- "EXCEL, CHUCK GROUND BEEF, 81/19 FINE GRIND, 100% BEEF, 241".
- "EXCEL, 81/19 COARSE GRIND, GROUND BEEF, 100% BEEF, 336".
- "EXCEL, 81/19 FINE GRIND, GROUND BEEF, 100% BEEF, 356".
- "EXCEL, 90/10 FINE GRIND, GROUND BEEF, NOT TO EXCEED 10% FAT, 100% BEEF, 389".

Each box contains eight, 10-pound chubs of ground beef and carries a use/freeze by date of "APR 29." The USDA mark of inspection "Est. 86K," also appears on each box. In addition, each box contains the following lot code, "04100400 0018" or "04100409 0019." Each chub contains the use/freeze by date and the USDA mark of inspection.

**PROBLEM/REASON FOR RECALL:** The product may be contaminated with *Escherichia coli* O157:H7.

**HOW/WHEN DISCOVERED:** The problem was discovered during FSIS verification activities.

**FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT:** 0086K M  
Excel Corporation  
East Highway 400  
Dodge City, KS 67801

**CONSUMER CONTACT:** Luke Miller, Manager of Customer Service, 1-800-267-6946

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Mark Klein, Director of Communications, 952-742-6211

**QUANTITY RECALLED:** Approximately 45,000 pounds

**DISTRIBUTION:** Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Texas

**RECALL CLASSIFICATION:** Class I

**RECALL NOTIFICATION LEVEL:** Retail

**PRESS RELEASE:** Yes

**DIRECT NOTIFICATION MEANS:** The firm has notified its customers orally and will follow up in writing.

**FSIS FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:** Effectiveness checks by the FSIS, Office of Field Operations (OFO).

**OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED:** None

**FSIS CONTACTS:**

FSIS Recall Coordinator: (785)841-5600

Consumer Inquiries: 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854); TTY, 1-800-256-7072

Media Inquiries: 202-720-9113

Congressional Inquiries: 202-720-3897

Recall Management: 202-690-6389

Web site: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/recalls/rec\\_intr.htm](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/recalls/rec_intr.htm)

**DATE OF RECALL MEETING:** April 29, 2004

**RECALL CASE NUMBER:** 014-2004