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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2005-05

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New York Firm Recalls Chicken Products for Possible *Listeria* Contamination

WASHINGTON, Schreiber Processing Corp., a Maspeth, N.Y. firm, is voluntarily recalling approximately 5,760 pounds of chicken products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced.

The products subject to recall are:

- 48 oz. boxes of "EMPIRE KOSHER, Fully Cooked, BUFFALO STYLE WINGS, CHICKEN WINGS COATED IN SAUCE." The package also bears the date code "1444."
- 28 oz. boxes of "EMPIRE KOSHER, FULLY COOKED, BREADED, FRIED CHICKEN, 6 TO 9 ASSORTED PIECES." The package also bears the date code "0274."

Each product bears the establishment number "P-787" inside the USDA seal of inspection.

The products were produced on August 10, 2004 and December 5, 2004. They were distributed to retail stores in California, Connecticut, Illinois, Ohio, Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

The problem was discovered through microbiological sampling. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of these products.

Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis. 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 weak immune systems - infants, the frail or elderly, and persons with chronic disease, with HIV infection, or taking chemotherapy.

Media with questions about the recall may contact Sam Hollander, company CEO, at (718) 894-2000. Consumers with questions about the recall may contact Shlomi Pilo, company vice president of sales and marketing, at (718) 894-2000.

Consumers with food safety questions can phone the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at (888) MPHOTLINE. The hotline 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.

