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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2005-10

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***E.A. Sween Company Implements Voluntary Product Recall***

Eden Prairie, MN - E.A. Sween Company announced the voluntary recall of 12,600 Deli Express Turkey & Cheese Sandwiches because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy individuals may suffer short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. Listeria infection in pregnant women may result in premature deliveries, miscarriages or stillbirths.

The Deli Express® product code #121 included in this recall -- the 4.2 ounce Turkey & Cheese Sandwich -- was distributed through their direct store delivery (DSD) channel to select convenience stores nationwide, and contains the manufacturer date code 450191. The product has been available for purchase in the refrigerated section of select convenience stores. No illnesses have been reported related to this voluntary recall. No other Deli Express® products are affected by this voluntary recall.

Routine sampling of the product revealed that a single sandwich in this lot contained Listeria monocytogenes. This specific lot of product has been recalled as a precautionary measure.

Customers are asked to check any purchased Deli Express Turkey & Cheese Sandwich they may have at home for the above-mentioned manufacture date and to return product with the above date code to the convenience store of purchase for a full refund.

E.A. Sween's number one concern is the safety of its consumers. Consumers with questions are asked to call Sandy at 866-787-8862 for information