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**To:** Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,  
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**Subject:** Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2005-14

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**Michigan Firm Recalls Sausage Products for Possible *Listeria*  
Contamination**

Winter Sausage Manufacturing, an East Point, Mich., firm, is voluntarily recalling approximately 5,117 pounds of sausage that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

All of the products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST. 10158" inside the USDA mark of inspection.

The products subject to recall are various sized and weight packages of:

- "Blue Ribbon, NATURAL CASING FRANKS." Each package bears the sell by date "5-29-05."
- "WINTER'S PREMIUM DELI, Natural Casing Wieners." Each package bears the sell by date "5-29-05."
- "OLD TYME DELI, SIGNATURE, Natural Casing, HOT DOGS, LIPARI." Each package bears the sell by date "5-29-05."
- "The Butcher Shop, At Nino Salvaggio International Market Place, Natural Casing, Hot Dogs." Each package bears the sell by date "5-29-05."
- "WINTER'S PREMIUM DELI, Fully Cooked Smoked Kielbasa." Each package bears the sell by date "5-29-05."
- "WINTER'S PREMIUM DELI, Fully Cooked Smoked Italian Sausage." Each package bears the sell by date "5-29-05."

The aforementioned products were packaged on March 30, 2005, and distributed to retail stores in Michigan.

- "WINTER SAUSAGE, Beef Hot Dogs, Skinless." Each package bears the date code "089." These products were packaged on March 30, 2005, and distributed to retail stores and institutional customers in Michigan.

Also subject to recall are 40 to 60 lb. bulk cartons of "WORLD FAMOUS TONY PACKO'S CAFE, Natural Casing, Hickory Smoked, TOLEDO'S AUTHENTIC HUNGARIAN HOT DOG." Each package bears the date code "O89." These products were packaged on March 30, 2005 and distributed to institutional customer in **Ohio**.

The problem was discovered through FSIS microbial 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. However, Listeriosis can cause high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea.

Listeriosis can also induce miscarriages and stillbirths, as well as serious and sometimes fatal infections in those with weakened immune systems including infants, elderly and persons with chronic disease, such as HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy.

Media and consumers with questions about the recall should contact Ron Eckert, company vice president, at (586) 777-9080, ext. 224.

Consumers with food safety questions can phone the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854). 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.