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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2008-01

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**John Stehlin and Sons Co. Issues Announcement about Potentially
Contaminated Product
Product not linked to human illness, but Stehlin's stresses precaution**

Cincinnati, Ohio – John Stehlin and Sons Co. of Cincinnati is voluntarily notifying consumers about 5 pounds of Cooked Smoked Hot Metts that may be contaminated with Salmonella, according to Denny Stehlin, plant manager of Stehlin's Meats. No illnesses have been reported, this is just a proactive step.

The product affected by this announcement:

Products: Cooked Smoked Hot Metts

Identified by: Lot # 1214

Manufacture Date: December 14, 2007

Store location and approximate date sold to consumers: 10134 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati,
December 14 through December 31

Because of potential foodborne illness, Stehlin's Meats urges its customers who have purchased the suspect products not to eat them and to return them to the company. Customers may bring those designated packages to Stehlin's Meats or call Denny Stehlin at 513-385-6164. These products are cooked during processing and considered "ready-to-eat." Proper cooking and preparation of the food by the consumer can kill the bacteria and eliminate the potential illness.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture discovered the problem through its routine monitoring of the food supply for possible contamination. One sample of Stehlin's Meats Cooked Metts was found to contain Salmonella in tests conducted at the agency's Consumer Analytical Laboratory.