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DATE:

April 2, 2012

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Eddy Packing Co., Inc. Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Class II Recall; Approximately 26,136 pounds of chicken apple sausage products that may contain foreign materials; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by USDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. The products subject to recall were produced Feb. 9, 2012, and were distributed nationally through a warehouse chain on Feb. 14, 2012. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Texas Firm Recalls Chicken Sausage Products Nationwide That May Contain Foreign Materials

Recall Release FSIS-RC-021-2012 CLASS II RECALL HEALTH RISK: LOW

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WASHINGTON, Mar 31, 2012 - Eddy Packing Co., Inc., a Yoakum, Texas, establishment is recalling approximately 26,136 pounds of chicken apple sausage products that may contain foreign materials, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The products subject to recall include: [View Label]

- 1-lb. vacuum-sealed, 3 to a pack of "ARTISAN FRESH, ALL NATURAL chicken & apple sausage" bearing the USDA mark of inspection and have a sell-by date of June 23, 2012.
- 36-Ib. cases containing 12/3-Ib. packages of "ARTISAN FRESH, ALL NATURAL CHICKEN APPLE SAUSAGE" bearing the establishment number "P-4800" inside the USDA mark of inspection and bearing codes 42450 or P13203 on the label.

The problem was discovered as a result of consumer complaints about finding pieces of plastic in the product. FSIS and the company have received no reports of injury or illness at this time. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness from consumption of these products should contact a healthcare provider.

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FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumers and news reporters with questions about the recall should contact Lindsey Morkovsky, the company's Vice President of Operations, at (361) 293-2361.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the e FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov or via smartphone at m.askkaren.gov. "Ask Karen" live chat services are available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from I0 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

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