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DATE: September 11, 2012

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Forever Cheese Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; All Ricotta Salata Frescolina brand, Forever Cheese lot # T9425 and/or production code 441202, from one specific production date due to possible *Listeria Monocytogenes*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. The cheese was sold to distributors for retailers and restaurants in CA, CO, D.C., FL, GA, IL, IN, MA, MD, ME, MT, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, VA, WA between June 20 and August 9, 2012. Products were sold to supermarkets, restaurants and wholesale distributors. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-351-7190.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Forever Cheese Recalls Ricotta Salata Frescolina Brand for Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - September 10, 2012 - Forever Cheese Recalls Ricotta Salata Frescolina Brand for Possible Health Risk

Forever Cheese inc. is recalling all Ricotta Salata Frescolina brand, Forever Cheese lot # T9425 and/or production code 441202, from one specific production date due to possible *Listeria Monocytogenes* contamination, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

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The cheese in question is Ricotta Salata brand Frescolina from one production date coded 441202 on the original wheel. There have been 14 reported illnesses in 11 states which may be related to this.

The potential for contamination was noted after illness was reported in connection with eating cheese. Each and every distributor and retailer are being contacted in an effort to recall any and all remaining product in the marketplace.

If you believe that you have purchased any of this cheese please contact your distributor or retailer for a full refund. If you have any questions please call Forever Cheese (888)930-8693, contact Jeff DiMeo from 9 am – 5pm EST and mention Recall.

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