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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2018-073a

### **JBS USA, Inc. Recalls Ground Beef Products Due to Possible Foreign Matter Contamination**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This release was updated on May 4, 2018 to reflect clarifications to the product labels.

**WASHINGTON, May 2, 2018** – JBS USA, Inc., a Lenoir, N.C. establishment, is recalling approximately 35,464 pounds of raw ground beef products that may be contaminated with extraneous materials, specifically hard plastic, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The raw ground beef items were produced on March 22, 2018. The following products are subject to recall: [[View Labels](#)(PDF Only)]

- 3-lb. tray packages containing "Kroger GROUND BEEF 73% LEAN - 27% FAT" with product code 95051, UPC: 011110975645, and a Sell By date of 4/9/2018.
- 1-lb. tray packages containing "Kroger GROUND CHUCK 80% LEAN - 20% FAT GROUND BEEF" with product code 95052, UPC: 011110977342, and a Sell By date of 4/9/2018.
- 3-lb. tray packages containing "Kroger GROUND CHUCK 80% LEAN - 20% FAT GROUND BEEF" with product code 95053, UPC of 011110975690, and a Sell By date of 4/9/2018.
- 1-lb. tray packages containing "PRIVATE SELECTION ANGUS BEEF 80% LEAN - 20% FAT GROUND CHUCK" with product code 95054, UPC: 011110971395, and a Sell By date of 4/9/2018.
- 1-lb. tray packages containing "Kroger GROUND ROUND 85% LEAN - 15% FAT GROUND BEEF" with product code 95055, UPC: 011110969484, and a Sell By date of 4/9/2018.
- 1-lb. tray packages containing "Kroger GROUND SIRLOIN 90% LEAN - 10% FAT GROUND BEEF" and product code 95056, UPC: 011110975638, and a Sell By date of 4/9/2018.
- 1-lb. tray packages containing "ALL NATURAL LAURA'S LEAN BEEF 92% LEAN 8% FAT GROUND BEEF" with product code 95057, UPC: 612669316714, and a Sell By date of 4/9/2018.
- 1-lb. tray packages containing "ALL NATURAL LAURA'S LEAN BEEF 96% LEAN 4% FAT GROUND BEEF" with product code 95058, UPC: 612669317063, and a Sell By date of 4/9/2018.
- 1-lb. tray packages containing "PRIVATE SELECTION ANGUS BEEF 90% LEAN - 10% FAT GROUND SIRLOIN" with product code 95063, UPC: 011110969637 and a Sell By date of 4/9/2018.
- 1-lb. tray packages containing "Kroger GROUND BEEF 93% LEAN - 7% FAT" with product code 95064, UPC: 011110969200, and a Sell By date of 4/9/2018.
- 15-lb. cases containing "JBS Ground Beef Angus Chuck 80% Lean 20% Fat Service Case" with Case UPC: 0040404800632 and a "Sell By: 9.APRIL."
- 15-lb. cases containing "Ground Beef Angus Sirloin 90% Lean 10% Fat Service Case" Case UPC: 0040404800634, and a "Sell By: 9.APRIL."

The products subject to recall bear establishment number "EST. 34176" inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to distribution centers in Virginia and Indiana for further distribution to retail locations.

The problem was discovered after the firm received a complaint from a consumer who found blue, hard plastic pieces in one of the products.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to the consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a healthcare provider.

FSIS is concerned that some product may be frozen and in consumers' freezers. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

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 members of the media with questions about the recall can contact Cheri Schneider, director of external communications at JBS, at (970) 506-7717.