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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2018-118

### Lipari Foods Issues Voluntary Recall of Premo Brand Turkey & Cheese Wedge Sandwiches Because of Possible Health Risk

Lipari Foods, LLC has issued a voluntary recall of Premo Brand turkey and cheese wedge sandwiches produced and packaged by sister company JLM due to potential contamination of *Listeria monocytogenes*. *Listeria monocytogenes* is 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.

The products were produced on August 8, 2018 and distributed to food service and retail stores throughout Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Wisconsin and West Virginia.

Brand	Product	Lipari Product #	Weight	Enjoy By Date	Lot #	UPC
Premo Brand	Turkey & Cheese Wedge	915516	5 OZ	08/31/2018	08201808	612510002018

Products were distributed under the following brand names: Premo Brand. The affected products can be identified by:

This was brought to our attention by JLM after additional environmental testing initiated by the Food and Drug Administration following a previous recall returned positive test results for potential contamination of *Listeria monocytogenes*. JLM employs a rigorous quality and testing program; however, despite the quality of their programs, they are initiating this recall out of an abundance of caution. We are working closely with JLM and the FDA to understand the cause of the situation and ensure that all affected product has been pulled from commerce.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem. Lipari Foods began shipping the product on August 9, 2018.

Consumers who have purchased these recalled products should not consume them. Consumers should discard the products or return them to the point of purchase. Consumers with questions should call Customer Service at 800-729-3354, 8:15 am – 4:30 pm, EST, Monday through Friday.