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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2019-184

**Ezzo Sausage Company Recalls Meat Products due to Possible Listeria Contamination**

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 9, 2019** – Ezzo Sausage Company, a Columbus, Ohio establishment, is recalling approximately 25,115 pounds of sausage products that may be adulterated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today.

The ready-to-eat sausage products were produced on Oct. 29, 2019, Oct. 30, 2019 and Nov. 5, 2019. The following is a list of the products subject to the recall:

Case Weight	Product Description	Lot Code
25 lbs	Ange’s Pizza SAUSAGE FOR PIZZA 38 MM SLICED	102919
25 lbs	Creno’s PIZZA SLICED SAUSAGE FOR PIZZA	102919
25 lbs	GiAntonio Brand SAUSAGE FOR PIZZA 38 MM SLICED	102919
25 lbs	GiAntonio Brand PEPPERONI 38 MM SLICES	102919
25 lbs	Joseppi’s Sliced Topper PEPPERONI	102919
25 lbs	MASSEY’S Portofino Pepperoni	102919
25 lbs	Flyer’s PIZZA & SUBS 28 MM SLICED PEPPERONI	102919
25 lbs	EZZO BRAND BURRETTO PEPPERONI SLICED 51 mm	102919
25 lbs	Ezzo Brand Rough Chopped Pepperoni	102919
25 lbs	EZZO BRAND NATURAL* UNCURED PEPPERONI SLICED 51 mm	102919
20 lbs	CHOPPED PEPPERONI	102919
20 lbs	Pizza King CHOPPED PEPPERONI	103019 or 110519
20 lbs	PIZZA KING CHOPPED PEPPERONI	103019 or 110519
20 lbs	EZZO BRAND CHOPPED PEPPERONI	103019 OR 110519
10 lbs	Ezzo Brand CHOPPED PEPPERONI	103019

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The products subject to recall bear establishment number “EST. 1838A” inside the USDA mark of inspection. These items were shipped to distribution centers in Indiana and Ohio.

The problem was discovered when the firm notified FSIS of a positive sample result for *Listeria monocytogenes*.

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

Consumption of food contaminated with *L. monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, a serious infection that primarily affects older adults, persons with weakened immune systems, and pregnant women and their newborns. Less commonly, persons outside these risk groups are affected.

Listeriosis can cause fever, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance and convulsions sometimes preceded by diarrhea or other gastrointestinal symptoms. An invasive infection spreads beyond the gastrointestinal tract. In pregnant women, the infection can cause miscarriages, stillbirths, premature delivery or life-threatening infection of the newborn. In addition, serious and sometimes fatal infections in older adults and persons with weakened immune systems. Listeriosis is treated with antibiotics. Persons in the higher-risk categories who experience flu-like symptoms within two months after eating contaminated food should seek medical care and tell the health care provider about eating the contaminated food.

FSIS is concerned that some product may be in distribution centers, restaurants, or institutional refrigerators or freezers. Restaurants and institutions that have purchased these products are urged not to serve 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. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on the FSIS website at [www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls).

Media and consumers with questions regarding the recall can contact Darryl Thompson, V.P Business Development, Ezzo Sausage Company, at (614) 445-8841.