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**To:** Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

**Subject:** Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-20

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**Missouri Firm Recalls Cheese Frank Products Due To Mislabeling and an Undeclared Allergen**

WASHINGTON, - Sara Lee North American Retail, a St. Joseph, Mo., establishment, is recalling approximately 1,728 pounds of cheese frank products because they were inadvertently packaged with beef frank labels and therefore contained undeclared allergens, milk and cheese. Milk, a known potential allergen, is not declared on the label.

The following product is subject to recall:

- 1-pound packages of "Ball Park BRAND BEEF FRANKS." Each package bears the use by date of "May 07 09 P8740A" as well as a UPC code of "5450010002."

The cheese frank products were produced on Feb. 12, 2009, and were shipped to distribution centers nationwide intended for use by consumers.

The problem was discovered by the company after receiving consumer inquiries. FSIS has received no reports of illness due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an illness should contact a physician.

Media with questions about the recall should contact company Director of Communications Sara Matheu at (630) 598-8722. Consumers with questions about the recall should contact the Sara Lee Consumer Affairs Recall Hotline at (888) 891-6100.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. 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 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.