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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) 2009-40

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**Torres Hillsdale Country Cheese LLC Announces the Recall of all lots of Soft Mexican Cheeses due to Possible Listeria Contamination**

Torres Hillsdale Country Cheese of Reading, Michigan announces the recall of all lots of various types of soft Mexican-style cheeses due to potential Listeria contamination. Consumption of food contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes can cause Listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease. Listeriosis can cause high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea. Listeriosis can also cause miscarriages and stillbirths. The very young, the pregnant, the elderly and persons with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible to infection. People experiencing these problems should seek immediate medical attention.

A sample of queso fresco cheese, taken by an investigator from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on May 26, 2009, was subsequently tested by an FDA laboratory and discovered to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes.

The products were distributed to retail stores and delis in the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio and Wisconsin.

The products were sold under the name 'Aguas Calientes' as follows:

Product	Unit Size
Queso Asadero	12 oz and 10 lb ball
Queso Oaxaca	10 lb ball
Queso Fresco	1 lb and 8 oz.
Queso Requeson	1 gallon pail and 3 gallon pail
Morral Adobera	3 lb packages

Packaging may also include a label with the name "Torres Hillsdale Country Cheese LLC". The recall encompasses all expiration dates.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with the recalled products.

Consumers and retailers are urged to return all unused recalled product to the manufacturer. Consumers with questions may contact Salvador Torres, Manager, Torres Hillsdale Country Cheese LLC at 517-368-5990, Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. EDT.