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### **Rhode Island Firm Recalls Italian Sausage Products Due to Possible *Salmonella* Contamination**

**Woodstock IL** - McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) has been notified of a recall involving approximately 1,240,000 pounds of ready-to-eat (RTE) varieties of Italian sausage products, including salami/salame, for suspected *Salmonella* contamination as announced by Daniele International Inc., an establishment with operations in Pascoag and Mapleville, Rhode Island.

The products subject to recall are posted on the MCDH webpage at [www.mcdh.info](http://www.mcdh.info), Environmental Health Division (food recall). Each package bears a label with establishment number "EST. 9992" or "EST. 54" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The establishment is recalling all the products listed which were distributed to retail establishments nationwide, as well as internationally.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) became aware of the problem during the course of an ongoing investigation of a multi-state outbreak of *Salmonella* serotype Montevideo illnesses. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), FSIS, state health and agriculture departments, and Daniele International are cooperating in this investigation. The CDC has posted information about the multi-state outbreak on its website (<http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/montevideo/index.html>) but the investigation is ongoing, and has not yet definitively identified a food vehicle(s). Daniele International Inc. took the additional action to voluntarily recall all products in commerce associated with black pepper, which the company believes is a possible source of contamination.

Consumption of food contaminated with *Salmonella* can cause salmonellosis, one of the most common bacterial foodborne illnesses. *Salmonella* infections can be life-threatening, especially to those with weak immune systems, such as infants, the elderly, and persons with HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy. The most common manifestations of salmonellosis are diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and fever within eight to 72 hours. Additional symptoms may be chills, headache, nausea and vomiting that can last up to seven days.

Media and consumer questions regarding the recall should be directed to the company's Hotline at (888) 345-4160 and its PR contact, Levick at (202) 973-1335.

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