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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2020-001

**Limena, LLC Recalls "Salvadorean String Cheese (Quesillo Cheese)" Because of Possible Health Risk**

Limena, LLC of Palm Springs, FL. is recalling its 1 lb. (16 ounce) blocks of Salvadorean String Cheese (Quesillo Cheese) semi-soft cheese because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, 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 recalled "Salvadorean String Cheese (Quesillo Cheese)" was distributed **to retail stores and through mail orders.**

The product has a blue and white label and comes in a 1 lb. (16 oz.), clear plastic vacuum package marked with lot #1041020 on the top. The Expiration date is blank.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in one sample of 1 lb. (16 ounce) blocks of Salvadorean String Cheese (Quesillo Cheese).

The production of the product has been suspended while FDA and the company continue to investigate the source of the problem.

Consumers who have purchased the 1 lb. block of Salvadorean String Cheese (Quesillo Cheese) are urged to discard the product. Consumers with questions may contact the company at **(561) 541-5206, M-F, 8 am - 6 pm EST.**