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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2018-130

**Callie's Charleston Biscuits Issues Voluntary Product Recall for Country Ham Biscuits and
Cocktail Ham Biscuits Produced Using Johnston County Hams**

Johnston County Hams, Inc. issued a voluntary recall on October 3, 2018 for approximately 89,096 pounds of ready-to-eat ham products due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. In response, Callie's Charleston Biscuits, LLC is issuing a voluntary product recall for two products that may contain the potentially affected Johnston County Hams.

The following products are subject to recall:

Callie's Charleston Biscuits - Country Ham Biscuits UPC: 897856002001
Callie's Charleston Biscuits - Cocktail Ham Biscuits UPC: 897856002049

"At the core of our business is making sure that our customers and community are receiving the best possible products. We have a plan in place that we were hoping to never use. We acted immediately with every possible precaution to ensure the safety of our customers. To our loyal retailers, we have a contingency plan in place and do not foresee any major disruptions in our service." says founder Carrie Morey. Callie's Charleston Biscuits is not aware of any illness reports at this time related to the Callie's Charleston Biscuits voluntarily recalled products.

The product was produced and shipped between April 3, 2017 and October 3, 2018 and distributed to customers nationwide. Images of the affected labels are included with this notice for easy identification.

Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon, but potentially fatal disease. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis. However, listeriosis can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in those with weak immune systems, such as infants, the elderly, pregnant women and persons with human immune deficiency virus (HIV) infection or undergoing chemotherapy. Symptoms include high fever, severe headaches, neck stiffness, nausea, confusion, and convulsions.

Callie's Charleston Biscuits is concerned that some product may be frozen and in consumers' freezers. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. Consumers should return these products to the place of purchase or throw them away. Consumers with questions regarding the recall should contact Kevin Hackler, Callie's Charleston Biscuits Director of Legal Affairs, at 843-577-1198. For media inquiries, please contact Leapfrog PR at 843-579-0500.