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MEMORANDUM

TO: Food Distribution Program Participants
FROM: Tina Herzog, Food Distribution Program Director
Arizona Department of Education, Food Distribution Program
DATE: February 4, 2008
SUBJECT: **UPDATE** on Hold Notice – A594 and A608

Original Signed

Please hold all processed items for beef processors until you hear otherwise. The previous memo only mentioned Pierre, Integrated and King's Command, but now we have further information that some Westland beef has been shipped by other states to all beef processors listed below.

Advance
Don Lee
Integrated - Let's DO Lunch
JTM
King's Command
MCI Los Cabos
Pierre

Please **hold all processed items containing A594 or A608** (you can verify this in the processing catalog) from these processors until you hear differently from ADE or the processor. You must have documentation in writing from the processors (or ADE) stating that it is alright to use their products before taking them off hold. Contact a member of the Food Distribution Team or the processor for clarification if you have a question about whether a product can be used or not.

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Below is a copy of the latest USDA update, dated February 1, 2008

Timeline for hold actions

Per USDA *Commodity Hold and Recall Process* procedures, the initial hold period for products is 10 calendar days from the announcement of the hold. At the end of the 10 day period, instructions will be issued on the next steps.

Further information on identifying product placed on Administrative Hold

You can identify product received from Westland Meat Company by the following:

- Boxes will have the company name, Westland Meat Company, printed on the box
- The Establishment Number ‘ Est. 336’ will be printed on the box
- An inspection legend (a circle on the box or box label) with name of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and possibly the Establishment Number printed within the circle.

If you have these products, you must hold them until further notice is received from USDA. Please hold any questionable cases or cases you are unsure of until further notice.

Product from further processors who received Westland Meat Company Ground Beef also on hold

Finished product processed from Westland Meat Company beef also should be placed on hold. FNS notified further processors and provided them with affected contract numbers. Processors were to notify States that received further processed products containing beef from Westland Meat Company. Processors will provide information to States on how to identify these products so that they can be placed on hold.

ADE will be updating a list of processors and items on hold as we get information from the processors and contacting those affected as well as posting information on our website. If you do not hear from us about specific products on hold (or not on hold), please continue to hold all products for that processor, as a precaution, until you do hear from us.

If you are not sure if a beef product should be placed on hold, please contact a member of the Food Distribution Team by e-mailing FDP@azed.gov or by calling one of the numbers listed below:

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