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**TANK'S MEATS ISSUES VOLUNTARY RECALL**

ELMORE, OHIO (January 24, 2014)—Tank's Meats of 3355 State Route 51 S., Elmore, Ohio 43416 is issuing a voluntary recall of products that may be contaminated with *Bacillus cereus*.

The product subject to recall is Landjaegers produced on or before January 9, 2014. The label on each clear bag bares the establishment number "EST. 76" within the Ohio Department of Agriculture's mark of inspection. This product was sold to numerous retail stores in Northwest Ohio.

The recall is the result of Landjaegers product samples collected by the Ohio Department of Agriculture that were found positive for *Bacillus cereus*. The samples were collected as part of an investigation after the department was notified of illnesses being reported by the Ottawa County Health Department, who also reported five ill patients who experienced illness onset dates of December 1, 2, 3 and 19<sup>th</sup> that may have resulted from the Landjaegers product. One patient did test positive for *Bacillus cereus*.

As a result of the ensuing investigation, it was determined there is a possible link between the Landjaegers product that was produced by Tank's Meats in October 2013 and the illnesses in Ohio. The recall is precautionary, as there has been no conclusive link between the illnesses and the Landjaeger product at Tank's Meats. As an additional precaution, the company is recalling this product from the date of this announcement for the previous two years.

Consumption of food contaminated with *Bacillus Cereus* can cause diarrhea, abdominal cramps and pain within 6-15 hours after eating the contaminated product. Nausea may accompany diarrhea, but vomiting rarely occurs. Most recover from illness within 24 hours.

Individuals concerned about an illness in connection with this recall should contact their health care provider.

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