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**DOH URGES CONSUMERS TO CHECK THEIR FREEZERS FOR
RECALLED BEEF PRODUCT**

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) is warning consumers not to eat American Chef's Selection Angus Beef Patties purchased from Sam's Club since August due to possible contamination with E. coli O157:H7; a bacterium that can cause severe gastrointestinal illness. The DOH has received no confirmed reports of illness in Hawai'i associated with this product.

The recalled product is the 6-pound box of "American Chef's Selection Angus Beef Patties 18-1/3 Pound Patties." The package has a case code of "7703100" and with Best If Used By dates of "02/05/08," "02/06/08," "02/12/08," or "02/13/08." Consumers are urged to check their freezers to ensure they don't have this product. If they do, they should either return the product to Sam's Club or throw it away.

E. coli O157:H7 is a potentially deadly bacterium that can cause bloody diarrhea, stomach cramps, and dehydration. The disease can sometimes lead to hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) which can lead to kidney failure and death. People typically become ill two to five days after eating contaminated food. People who have developed these symptoms after consuming this product should contact their physician immediately.

Consumers should take precautions to avoid contaminating other foods with E. coli bacteria that may be present in meat by:

- Using soap or dishwashing liquid to wash hands, utensils, and cutting boards after they have been in contact with raw meat before they touch other food
- Putting cooked meat on a clean platter, rather than on the one that was used to hold raw meat

Consumers with questions about the recall should contact the Cargill Meat Solutions' food safety line at (866) 567-7899. Media with questions should contact the company's media representative, Mark Klein, at (952) 742-6211.

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