

## **Key Points - Product Recall**

**November 8, 2006**

**Maple Leaf Foods confirmed today that a product recall regarding four varieties of Schneiders Lifestyle sliced meat products and Kent brand half hams is largely complete.**

All customers have been notified and product accounted for and removed from store shelves.

Product in transit is being returned to the Company for disposal.

The Company is conducting ongoing audits of stores to ensure no product is contained on store shelves.

While there has been a high level of public awareness regarding this recall, there has been no case of illness or contaminated product reported.

**Testing of the plastic syringe cases found in the Kitchener plant has been completed.**

These types of syringes are routinely used in analytical testing at the plant.

Two of the three syringe cases contained a saline residue (a salt-based solution).

One of the syringe cases, found on November 2<sup>nd</sup> contained a saline solution residue containing a residual amount of Heparin Lock Flush Solution, a nutrient polysaccharide (sugar-based) solution derived from pigs, and a common blood thinner used in a number of medical applications.

This solution poses no human health risk and these products never left the Company's possession.

**The Company is continuing to exercise extra vigilance at the plant to ensure the highest level of food safety assurance.**

All products produced from October 17<sup>th</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup> are being x-rayed. No contaminants have been detected.

The Company has increased physical and visual inspections at the plant.

This recall involved only the Courtland Avenue facility in Kitchener, Ontario, and only six of the more than 500 products produced at the plant.