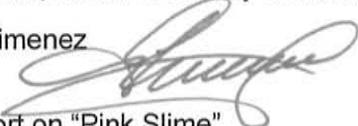


Date: August 21, 2012

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Status Report on "Pink Slime"

On June 5, 2012 the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved Resolution R-478-12, which provided for several actions to be taken by the Mayor related to County and Public Health Trust (PHT) operated food programs, contractors, vendors, suppliers or grantees. This status report provides an update on the actions taken to date.

Section 1 of the Resolution directed the County and PHT not to enter into, renew or extend any contracts for food services related to County or PHT-funded or operated food programs unless the contractor, vendor, supplier or grantee agrees in writing not to use meat products containing "pink slime" in food. Staff at the Internal Services Department identified 518 registered and enrolled vendors under various food service-related commodity codes that could potentially be affected by this requirement. Staff has communicated with these vendors to ensure they are aware of the requirement at the time new contracts are awarded, renewed, or extended.

Sections 2 and 3 of the Resolution urged the County and PHT contractors, vendors, suppliers or grantees to discontinue using meat products containing "pink slime" in food, and, to provide this Resolution to vendors that have an existing contract with the County or PHT. A copy of R-478-12 has been sent to the 518 registered and enrolled vendors, including the six known food service contractors.

Additionally, a fiscal impact was requested as part of this Resolution. At this time, we do not have information on how this requirement may affect these vendors. However, at the time when new awards, renewals, or extensions are being negotiated, staff will have a better idea as to whether or not there is a fiscal impact and it will be reported to the Board.

Please feel free to contact Lester Sola, Director of the Internal Services Department, should you need any additional information.

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