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State Health Commissioner

DATE: November 28, 2011
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: *DLG*
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Four Star Import & Distribution Inc. Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Product was not properly eviscerated prior to processing;
Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled Munia Brand Churi Dry Fish comes in 200 gram plastic bags with a code of Best Before April-2013 and is a product of Bangladesh. Munia Brand Churi Dry Fish was sold nationwide. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Four Star Import & Distribution Inc Issues An Alert On Uneviscerated Fish

Contact:
Consumer:
Jewel Mahbuburg
718-366-6580

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - November 23, 2011 -Four Star Import & Distribution Inc, 1075 Flushing Avenue is recalling Munia Brand Churi Dry Fish discovered by New York State Dept. of Agriculture and Markets Food Inspectors during a routine inspection and subsequent analysis of the

product by New York State Food Laboratory personnel confirming that the product was not properly eviscerated prior to processing.

This product may be contaminated with Clostridium botulinum spores, which can cause botulism, a serious and potentially fatal food-borne illness.

The sale of this type of fish is prohibited under New York State Agriculture and Markets regulations because Clostridium botulinum spores are more likely to be concentrated in the viscera than any other portion of the fish. Uneviscerated fish has been linked to outbreaks of botulism poisoning; symptoms of botulism include blurred or double vision, general weakness, poor reflexes, difficulty swallowing and respiratory paralysis.

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No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem. Consumers who have Munia Brand Churi Dry Fish are advised not to eat it, but should return it to the place of purchase. Consumer with questions may contact the company at 718-366-6580.

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