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**DATE:** February 2, 2012

**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

**FROM:** A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS  
Director, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** W & C International Import Inc. Recall  
**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; "Rely" Sardine Anchovies because the product was found to be un-eviscerated; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled "Rely" Sardine Anchovies were distributed nationwide in 7.0 oz. plastic packages. The "Rely" Sardine Anchovies are a product of China. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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### 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.

### W & C International Import Inc. Issues an Alert on Un-eviscerated "Rely" Sardine Anchovies

**Contact:**  
Consumer:  
Tel: 718-381-2932  
Fax: 718-381-2934

Media:  
Carmen Mei  
718-381-2932

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - February 1, 2012 – W & C International Import Inc. is recalling “Rely” Sardine Anchovies because the product was found to be un-eviscerated.

The recalled “Rely” Sardine Anchovies were distributed nationwide in 7.0 oz. plastic packages. The “Rely” Sardine Anchovies are a product of China.

The “Rely” Sardine Anchovies were sampled by a New York State Department of Agriculture Food Inspector during inspection. Subsequent analysis of the product by New York State Food Laboratory personnel confirmed that the “Rely” Sardine Anchovies were not properly eviscerated prior to processing.

The sale of un-eviscerated 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 have been linked to outbreaks of botulium poisoning.

This product may be contaminated with *Clostridium botulinum* spores, which can cause Botulism, a serious and potentially fatal food-borne illness. Symptoms of botulism include blurred or double vision, general weakness, poor reflexes, difficulty in swallowing and respiratory paralysis.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

Consumers that have purchased “Rely” Sardine Anchovies are advised not to eat it and should return it to the place of purchase. Consumer with questions may contact the company at (718) 381-2932.

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Photo: Product Labels<sup>3</sup>