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

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Gold Star Smoked Fish Corp. Expanded Recall [Food]

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Baltic Treasures, Norwegian Style Matjes, Marinella "Delicatessnaya", Jewish Style Matjes, Traditional Russian Matjes, and Rybacka Wies Matjes Brands of Herring Fillets in Oil due to contamination or possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. The products were sold nationwide. Each is a product of the USA. Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-8475.

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.

Gold Star Smoked Fish Corp. Issues an Alert on Listeria in Baltic Treasures, Norwegian Style Matjes, Marinella "Delicatessnaya", Jewish Style Matjes, Traditional Russian Matjes, and Rybacka Wies Matjes Brands of Herring Fillets in Oil



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - August 6, 2013 - **Gold Star Smoked Fish Corp., located at 570 Smith Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231**, is recalling **Baltic Treasures, Norwegian Style Matjes, Marinella "Delicatessnaya", Jewish Style Matjes, Traditional Russian Matjes, and Rybacka Wies Matjes** Brands of **Herring Fillets in Oil** due to contamination or possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Listeria monocytogenes can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy persons may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The recalled products are packaged in 10.5 oz/300 gram, 17.64oz/500 gram, and 35.5oz/1 kg vacuum packed plastic packages and have sell by dates 103113, 113013, 123113, or 13114 stamped on the back of the container. The UPC Numbers are 0 21143 24118 1, 0 21143 24119 8, 0 21143 24117 4, 0 21143 24116 7, 0 21143 24101 3, 0 21143 24105 1, 0 21143 24111 2, 0 21143 24103 7, 0 21143 24106 8, 0 21143 24110 5, 0 21143 24102 0, 0 21143 24104 4, 0 21143 24121 1, 0 21143 24122 8, and 0 21143 24123 5. The products were sold nationwide. Each is a product of the USA.

The recall was initiated after sampling by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Food Inspectors and subsequent analysis of the product by Food Laboratory personnel revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in samples of some of the brands being recalled. Gold Star Smoked Fish Corp. is voluntarily recalling additional brands and additional lots of herring fillets in oil as a precaution.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem. Consumers who purchased **Baltic Treasures, Jewish Style "Matjes", Norwegian Style "Matjes", Marinella "Delicatessnaya", Traditional Russian "Matjes", or Rybacka Wies "Matjes"** Brands of **Herring Fillets in Oil** should not consume it and should return it to the place of purchase. Consumers with any questions may contact the company directly at **718-522-5480**.

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