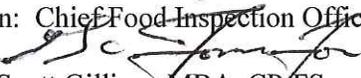




**DATE:** April 13, 2012

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

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

**SUBJECT:** H.C. Foods Co. Recall

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Unclassified Recall; Frozen dried mackerel and dried round scad after US Food and Drug Administration personnel informed us that the product was not properly eviscerated prior to processing due to the presence of gills; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled may have been distributed in the State of Indiana. Products are distributed nationwide and sold to wholesale distributors and retailers. 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.

**H.C. Foods Co. Issues An Alert On Uneviscerated Fish**

**Contact:**  
Consumers/Media  
323-722-8648

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - April 11, 2012 - Foods Co., Ltd. is recalling frozen dried mackerel and dried round scad after US Food and Drug Administration personnel informed us that the product was not properly eviscerated prior to processing due to the presence of gills.

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

The sale of improperly eviscerated fish, 5 inches in length or greater, is prohibited because *Clostridium botulinum* spores are more likely to be concentrated in the viscera than any other portion of the fish. Un-eviscerated fish has been linked to outbreaks of botulism poisoning which may pose a potentially life-threatening health hazard. Symptoms of botulism include blurred or double vision, general weakness, poor reflexes, difficulty swallowing and respiratory paralysis which may lead to death. People experiencing these problems should seek immediate medical attention.

The following recalled products are sold to wholesale distributors and retail:

- Dried Mackerel (Hasa Hasa) under the Pacific Isles Brand from the Philippines pack in 8oz. Product package in plastic bags / lot or code on the product label. Lot# 3298 and Lot# 0760
- Dried Round Scad (Galunggong) under the Pacific Isles Brand from the Philippines in 8oz. Product package in plastic bags / lot or code on the product label. Lot# 3228 and Lot# 3168

Products are distributed nationwide.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem. Consumers who have the above products are advised not to eat it, but should return it to the place of purchase. Consumers with questions may contact the company at Tel: (323) 722-8648, M-F, 9AM to 5PM (PST).

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