

Company Announcement

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Arcadia Trading Inc. Recalls Lizard Fish Due to Possible Health Risk

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Consumers

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Arcadia Trading Inc. of Brooklyn, NY, is recalling 34 cartons of **Lizard Fish** because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Clostridium botulinum*, a bacterium which can cause life-threatening illness or death. Consumers are warned not to consume the product even if it does not look or smell spoiled.

Botulism, a potentially fatal form of food poisoning, can cause the following symptoms: general weakness, dizziness, double- vision, and trouble with speaking or swallowing. Difficulty in breathing, weakness of other muscles, abdominal distension and constipation may also be common symptoms. People experiencing these problems should seek immediate medical attention.

The Lizard Fish was distributed nationwide to supermarkets between 2/11/2014 and 7/8/2016.

The product was imported from Vietnam and is packed in uncoded bulk 15 kg boxes.

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

The potential for the contamination was noted by an FDA Investigator during a follow-up inspection.

Subsequent FDA analysis of the product confirmed that the fish was not properly eviscerated prior to processing. The company has ceased distribution of the product.

Consumers who have purchased the Lizard Fish are urged not to consume the product and to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 718-782-6888, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 4 pm ET.

*** We believe that none of the products being recalled were processed or offered through the national office.**

* We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.

* ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.

* For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

For full details on the recall, please visit:

http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm533633.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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