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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-37

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NY Fish Inc. Recalls Imperial-European Style Smoked Salmon Because of Possible Health Risk

N.Y. Fish, Inc. of Brooklyn, NY is recalling **I ♥ NY Fish brand Imperial-European Style Smoked Salmon in vacuum packed 3 oz, 8 oz, 16 oz, and whole side "to be weighed at time of sale" sizes of lots starting with # 142 xxxx**, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

I ♥ NY brand Imperial-European Style Smoked Salmon was distributed to wholesale distributors and retail food stores in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, **Ohio**, Indiana, and Illinois.

The product is packed sliced or whole sides on aluminum coated cardboard in a clear plastic vacuum packed bag with a red, black, and gold sticker label with gold lettering and a small white sticker label identifying the lot code. The first three digits are the Lot Code followed by a four digit "packaging" date. The firm is recalling all lots that begin with **code 142** (for example: **142 0525, 142 0526, 142 0527, 142 0528**).

There have been no confirmed illnesses to date.

This recall is the result of samples of Imperial-European Style Smoked Salmon collected from the manufacturer during an FDA inspection of the facility. These samples revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes*. As a precaution, the company is recalling all I ♥ NY brand Imperial-European Style Smoked Salmon bearing the identified lot codes. No other codes are being recalled at this time.

Consumers who have purchased I ♥ NY brand Imperial-European Style Smoked Salmon with the identified lot code numbers should return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers who have this product are urged not to consume any of it. Consumers with any questions may contact the company at (718) 342-4100, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm EDT.