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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2011-138

Four Star Import & Distribution Inc. Issues An Alert On Uneviscerated Fish

November 23, 2011 -Four Star Import & Distribution Inc, 1075 Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 11237 is recalling Noya Brand Boyal Dry Fish discovered by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Food Inspectors during a routine inspection and subsequent analysis of the product by New York State Food Laboratory personnel confirming that the product was not properly eviscerated prior to processing.

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

The sale of this type of 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 has been linked to outbreaks of botulism poisoning; symptoms of botulism include blurred or double vision, general weakness, poor reflexes, difficulty swallowing and respiratory paralysis.

The recalled Noya Brand Boyal Dry Fish comes in 200 gram plastic bags coded Best Before Dec. 2012 and is a product of Bangladesh. Noya Brand Boyal Dry Fish was sold nationwide.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem. Consumers who have Noya Brand Boyal Dry Fish are advised not to eat it, but should return it to the place of purchase. Consumer with questions may contact the company at 718-366-6580.