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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2012-010

W & C International Import Inc. Issues An Alert On Un-Eviscerated "Rely" Dried Yellow Croaker

February 1, 2012 - W & International Import Inc. is recalling "Rely" Dried Yellow Croaker because the product was found to be un-eviscerated.

The recalled "Rely" Dried Yellow Croaker was distributed nationwide in bulk cardboard boxes. The "Rely" Dried Yellow Croaker is a product of China.

The "Rely" Dried Yellow Croaker was sampled by a New York State Department of Agriculture Food Inspector during inspection. Subsequent analysis of the product by New York State Food Laboratory personnel confirmed that the "Rely" Dried Yellow Croaker was not properly eviscerated prior to processing.

The sale of un-eviscerated 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 have been linked to outbreaks of botulium poisoning.

This product may be contaminated with Clostridium botulinum spores, which can cause Botulism, a serious and potentially fatal food-borne illness. Symptoms of botulism include blurred or double vision, general weakness, poor reflexes, difficulty in swallowing and respiratory paralysis.

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

Consumers that have purchased "Rely" Dried Yellow Croaker are advised not to eat it and should return it to the place of purchase. Consumer with questions may contact the company at (718) 381-2932.