



Ohio Department of Agriculture
and
Ohio Department of Health



Governor Ted Strickland
Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher

ODA Director Robert J. Boggs
ODH Director Alvin D. Jackson, M.D.

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

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-69

Date: October 19, 2009

TGF PRODUCTION LLC Issues An Alert on Uneviscerated Herring Salted

TGF PRODUCTION LLC 191 CENTRE STREET BROOKLYN NY 11231 is recalling Herring Salted because the product was found to be uneviscerated.

The recalled Herring Salted was distributed nationwide in 1.3kg (2.86lb) round plastic containers with the code numbers 24.08.09 and 13.07.09. The Herring Salted is a product of Russia.

The Herring Salted was sampled by a New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Food Inspector during a routine inspection. Subsequent analysis of the product by New York State Food Laboratory personnel confirmed that the Herring Salted was not properly eviscerated prior to processing.

The sale of uneviscerated fish is prohibited under the 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 botulism 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 Herring Salted are advised not to eat it and should return it to the place of purchase. Consumers with questions may contact TGF PRODUCTION LLC, at 646 546 5847.