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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-164

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

December 15, 2016 - 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.