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**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

In reply refer to Warning Letter SEA 02-07

Frank C. Karwoski, President
Franco Fish Products, Inc.
2544 Fawcett Avenue South
Tacoma, Washington 98402

WARNING LETTER

Dear Mr. Karwoski:

We inspected your firm located at 2544 Fawcett Avenue South, Tacoma, Washington 98402, on September 20, 2001, and found you have a serious deviation from Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR) Part 123 - Fish and Fishery Products (Seafood HACCP regulations). A FDA 483 form (copy-enclosed) listing the deviation was presented to you at the conclusion of the inspection. This deviation causes your refrigerated salmon roe (Ikura), packaged in plastic tubs with plastic film covering, to be in violation of Section 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act). You can find this Act and the Seafood HACCP regulations through links in FDA's homepage at www.fda.gov.

The deviation is as follows:

You must have a written HACCP plan to control any food safety hazards that are reasonably likely to occur, to comply with 21 CFR 123.6(b). However, your firm does not have a HACCP plan for refrigerated salmon roe (Ikura), packaged in plastic tubs with plastic film covering, to control the food safety hazard of pathogens.

This letter may not list all the deviations at your facility. You are responsible for ensuring that your processing plant operates in compliance with the Act, the Seafood HACCP regulations, and the Good Manufacturing Practice regulations (21 CFR Part 110). You also have a responsibility to use procedures to prevent further violations of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and all applicable regulations.

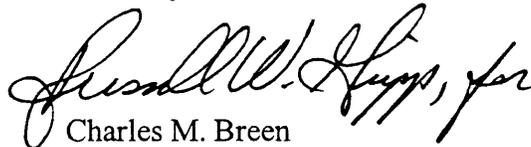
We may take further action if you do not promptly correct this violation. For instance, we may take further action to seize your product(s) and/or enjoin your firm from operating. In addition, we may not provide certificates to your firm for export of your products to European Union (EU) countries if you do not correct this deviation.

Frank C. Karwoski, President
Franco Fish Products, Inc., Tacoma, Washington
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Please respond in writing within three (3) weeks from your receipt of this letter. Your response should outline the specific things you are doing to correct this deviation. You may wish to include in your response documentation such as your revised HACCP plan and copies of your monitoring records, or other useful information that would assist us in evaluating your corrections. If you cannot complete all corrections before you respond, we expect you will explain the reason for your delay and state when you will correct any remaining deviations.

Please send your reply to the Food and Drug Administration, Attention: Lisa M. Althar, Compliance Officer, 22201 23rd Drive SE, Bothell, Washington 98021-4421. If you have questions regarding any issue in this letter, please contact Lisa M. Althar at (425) 483-4940.

Sincerely,



Charles M. Breen
District Director

Enclosures:

Form FDA 483

21 CFR PART 123

Section 402 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act

cc: WSDA with disclosure statement