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December 28, 2001

WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Maia Magee, President
Trotters Importers
936 Main Street
Mill, Massachusetts 02054

Dear Ms. Magee:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) attempted to collect samples of dried fig spread, which your firm offered for entry into the United States through the port of Baltimore on September 5, 2001, under entry number [REDACTED]. FDA's attempt to collect the samples revealed that the product was partially distributed, without suitable clearance from the agency. This action taken is a violation of 21 Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR), Part 1.90, which requires an importer to hold an entry intact pending receipt of a "May Proceed" or "Release Notice" from FDA.

On September 28, 2001, our office requested the U.S. Customs Service to order redelivery of this shipment of jellied candy. When the product was returned, our office collected samples. The analytical findings found the product to be in compliance and the product was ultimately released on October 26, 2001.

Failure to promptly correct this violation and prevent premature distribution of imported product may result in requiring that future shipments be held in secured storage. Secured storage will be under the supervision and direction of the U.S. Customs Service, such as in a bonded warehouse. You will be responsible for all costs incurred for secured storage.

Within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter, please notify our office in writing of the specific steps you have taken to correct this violative situation, including an explanation of each step taken to prevent recurrence of the violation.

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Your response should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, Dundalk Marine Terminal Resident Post, 2700 Broening Highway, Dundalk, Maryland 21222, to the attention of Patricia Travers, Compliance Officer. Ms. Travers may be reached at 410-631-0322, extension 15.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Bowers', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lee Bowers
Director, Baltimore District