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WARNING LETTER

Dear Mr. Stramaglia:

On May 17 and 19, 1999, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) conducted an inspection of your seafood processing facility located at 6065 South Polaris Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The inspection was conducted to determine compliance with FDA's seafood processing regulations (21 CFR 123) and the Good Manufacturing Practice requirements for foods (21 CFR 110). During the inspection, FDA collected and analyzed samples of swordfish and escolar. Results of those analyses revealed that these products are violative, as follows:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Sample Number</u>	<u>Findings</u>
Fresh Swordfish	55481	4 of 4 subs decomposed (Class 2)
Fresh Swordfish	55482	1 of 1 sub decomposed (Class 2)
Escolar	55483	3 of 3 subs decomposed (Class 2)

The lots of swordfish and escolar are deemed to be adulterated within the meaning of Section 402(a)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, in that they are in whole or in part decomposed. These decomposed swordfish and escolar were ultimately voluntarily destroyed during the inspection.

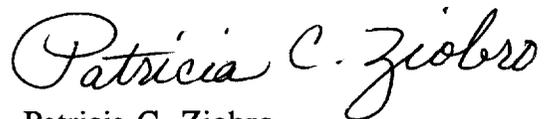
Adulterated foods are subject to seizure as authorized by Section 304 of the Act. Section 301(c) prohibits the receipt in interstate commerce of any food that is adulterated, and the

delivery or proffered delivery thereof for pay or otherwise. The adulteration of food while held for sale after receipt in interstate commerce, is prohibited by Section 301(k). Section 302 authorizes the government to seek injunctive relief to restrain violations of Section 301 of the Act.

You must immediately take appropriate steps to prevent future violations at your facility. Failure to promptly implement adequate corrections may result in legal sanctions such as seizure and/or injunction without further notice.

Please advise this office in writing, within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter, the measures you have taken to prevent recurrence of the noted violation and preclude distribution of adulterated seafood. Please direct your response to Ms. Erlinda N. Figueroa, Compliance Officer (Telephone: 510-337-6795; FAX: 510-337-6707).

Sincerely,



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