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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

In reply refer to Warning Letter SEA 00-17

Mr. Jack Wieseneck
Import Traffic Manager
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140 Sylvan Avenue
Englewood, New Jersey 07632

WARNING LETTER

Dear Mr. Wieseneck:

On November 4, 1999, we attempted to sample a shipment of canned chunk light tuna in water manufactured by [REDACTED]. This shipment was imported into the United States under entry number 241-9410674-6. Your filer, [REDACTED] was electronically notified via ABI of our request to examine the cargo on that date. However, the shipment was not available for sampling and had, in fact, proceeded to destination.

It is the responsibility of the importer of record to hold an entry intact pending receipt of the results of examination of the sample. Failure to do so is a violation of 21 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1.90 (enclosed).

This is a serious violation of the law and may result in FDA taking regulatory action without further notice to you. You should take prompt measures to insure that FDA regulated commodities are held intact pending notification from the agency. Failure to hold shipments in the future will result in a request to U.S. Customs for immediate redelivery of the cargo to the port of entry. FDA may also seize the goods or consider other sanctions, such as injunction or prosecution.

Jack Weiseneck, Import Traffic Manager
Rema Foods Inc., Englewood Cliffs, NJ
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Please notify this office in writing, within 15 working days of the receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you will take to prevent the recurrence. Your reply should be addressed to Thomas S. Piekarski, Compliance Officer, at the above address.

Sincerely,

Alexis M. Corcoran

for

Austin R. Long, Ph.D.
Acting District Director

Enclosure:
21 CFR 1.90

cc:

