



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Food and Drug Administration
Atlanta District Office

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60 8th Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

November 18, 1999

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Bobby E. McKenzie, Plant Manager
Ward's Seafood
Route 1, Box 1699
Townsend, GA 31331

Warning Letter

99-ATL-13

Dear Mr. McKenzie:

On August 6, 1999, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) conducted an inspection of your plant located at Townsend, Georgia. The investigator documented deviations from FDA's seafood processing regulations in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 123 (21 CFR 123), which cause the fresh raw shrimp packed by your firm, to be adulterated within the meaning of Section 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (the Act) as follows:

You must have and implement a written HACCP plan to control any food safety hazards that are reasonably likely to occur, in order to comply with 21 CFR 123.6(b). However, your firm does not have a written HACCP plan to control the food safety hazard of sulfites in the shrimp you repack.

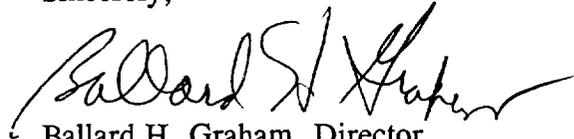
The above-identified deviation is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your facility. It is your responsibility to ensure that all seafood products processed and distributed by your firm are in compliance with the Act and all requirements of the federal regulations.

You should take prompt measures to correct this deviation. Failure to promptly correct this deviation may result in regulatory action without further notice. Such action includes seizure and/or injunction.

We request that you notify this office, in writing, within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct this violation, including an explanation of each step taken to prevent the recurrence of similar violations. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 working days, state the reason for the delay and the time frame within which the corrections will be completed.

Your written reply should be directed to Carlos A. Bonnin, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 60 Eighth Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ballard H. Graham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ballard H. Graham, Director
Atlanta District