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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

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Our Reference: 2954593

Philip Chew, President  
Wha Soon Trading Company  
2000 McKinnon Avenue, Building 417  
San Francisco, California 94124

**WARNING LETTER**

Dear Mr. Chew:

On November 23, 1999, we collected a sample from a seafood shipment, offered for import into the United States by your firm as fried conch, under entry number 615-0990720-4/012/001. Results of the analysis revealed that the actual product is fish maw.

Such misrepresentation at the time of entry appears to be an attempt to circumvent FDA's detention without physical examination against fish maw, as covered by Import Alert 16-02, (copy enclosed), and is a violation of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, (21 U.S.C. 301, et seq), and may violate other provisions of law, such as 19 U.S.C. 1592 and 18 U.S.C. 542.

You must immediately take appropriate steps to correct the violation. We may initiate regulatory action without further notice if you do not correct the violation. Regulatory action may include seizure, injunction, or suspension of your cargo release privileges on future shipments.

Please advise us in writing, within fifteen working days of receipt of this letter, the specific steps you will take to prevent the recurrence of the violation. Direct your response to Ms Erlinda N. Figueroa, Compliance Officer (Telephone: 510-337-6795; FAX: 510-337-6707).

Sincerely,



Charlie Moss  
Acting Director  
San Francisco District

Enclosure