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WARNING LETTER

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August 17, 2000

Mr. Barry L. Ribman, President
Imperial Seafood, Inc.
500 N.E. 185th Street
Miami, Florida 33179

Dear Mr. Ribman:

We inspected your firm, located at 500 N.E. 185th Street, Miami, Florida 33179 on June 28-29, 2000 and found that you have a serious deviation from the Seafood HACCP regulations (21 CFR Part 123). This deviation causes your cooked ready-to-eat lobster to be in violation of Section 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. You can find this Act and the seafood HACCP regulations through links in FDA's home page at www.fda.gov.

The deviation was as follows:

You must have a written HACCP plan to control any food safety hazards that are reasonably likely to occur, to comply with 21 CFR 123.6 (b). However, your firm does not have a HACCP plan for cooked lobster to control the food safety hazard of pathogen formation.

We may take further action if you do not promptly correct these violations. For instance, we may take further action to seize your product(s) and/or enjoin your firm from operating.

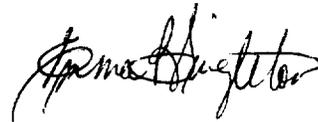
Please respond in writing within three (3) weeks from your receipt of this letter. Your response should outline the specific things you are doing to correct these deviations. You may wish to include in your response documentation such as a revised HACCP plan and revised monitoring records or other useful information that would assist us in evaluating your corrections. If you cannot complete all corrections before you respond, we expect that you will explain the reason for the delay and state when you will correct any remaining deviations.

This letter may not list all the deviations at your facility. You are responsible for ensuring that your processing plant operates in compliance with the Act, the Seafood HACCP regulations and the Good Manufacturing Practice regulations (21 CFR Part 110). You also have a responsibility to use procedures to prevent further violations of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and all applicable regulations.

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Please send your reply to the Food and Drug Administration, Attention: Christine M. Humphrey-Probus, Compliance Officer, Food and Drug Administration, 6601 Northwest 25th Street (P.O. Box 59-2256) Miami, Florida 33159-2256. If you have questions regarding any issue contained in this letter, please contact Christine M. Humphrey-Probus at (305) 526-2800, ext. 932.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emma R. Singleton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

Emma R. Singleton
Director, Florida District