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**WARNING LETTER**

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Robert L. Edmonds, Sr., President  
Sam Rust Seafood, Inc.  
620 Regional Drive  
Hampton, Virginia 23663

Dear Mr. Edmonds:

During a Food and Drug Administration inspection of your seafood processing and wholesale facility located at 620 Regional Drive, Hampton, Virginia, conducted on September 13, 2000, our investigators observed significant insanitary conditions. At the conclusion of the inspection, a Form FDA-483, Inspectional Observations was issued to Robert L. Edmonds, Jr., Vice President, which delineated a number of insanitary conditions present in your facility. These conditions cause food products stored in your facility to be adulterated within the meaning of Section 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (the Act).

The insanitary condition that FDA is particularly concerned with is the insect and rodent activity observed in the dry goods storage area. Specifically, eight different lots of food products contained at least one live beetle on at least four bags of food products in each lot. In addition, one bag of product appeared to be rodent damaged, as three gnaw holes were observed in the corner of the bag.

This is not the first time that food products susceptible to pests have been stored under conditions that fail to protect them from contamination by filth. The FDA inspection of your facility on August 30, 1999 disclosed various food products containing live insects, which your firm voluntarily destroyed.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your facility. A copy of Form FDA 483 is enclosed for your information. It is your responsibility to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

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Your voluntary action to correct some of the above deficiencies by destruction of those lots of food products found to be insect infested, such as corn meal and biscuit mix, has been documented in our records. However, you need to take additional measures to prevent the introduction of pests such as insects and rodents into your facility, in order to be in compliance with the Good Manufacturing Practice Regulations for food firms, Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 110.

You must notify this office in writing, within 15 working days of receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations and to prevent their recurrence. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 days, state the reason for the delay and the time within which the corrections will be completed.

Your reply should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, Richmond Resident Post, at 10710 Midlothian Turnpike, Suite 424, Richmond, VA 23235, to the attention of Scott J. MacIntire, Compliance Officer. Mr. MacIntire may be reached at 804-379-1627, extension 14.

Sincerely,



Lee Bowers  
Director, Baltimore District

Enclosure

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