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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. C. Roy Robert
Vice-President/Manager
Seafood International Distributors, Inc.
P.O. Box 432 Henderson Station
Breaux Bridge, Louisiana 70517

Dear Mr. Robert:

During the 7-14, 15 & 17-97 inspection of your crabmeat and crawfish processing facility, located at 1051-A Old Henderson Road, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana 70517, our investigators documented numerous insanitary conditions. This causes your products, picked crabmeat and crawfish tailmeat, to be adulterated within the meaning of Section 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

Objectionable insanitary conditions noted included: (1) backed crabs and cooked crawfish retrieved from the floor and returned to production; (2) baskets containing cooked crabs stored in residue encrusted trash cans; (3) residues from previous operations present on processing equipment and food contact surfaces; (4) live flies inside and outside of the processing plant; (5) live flies in contact with picked crabmeat and food contact surfaces; (6) sanitizing solution for equipment and hands, was of inadequate concentration; (7) perforated baskets containing cooked seafood products placed on pallets which employees had walked on and not sanitized; (8) an unsanitized hoist control and hoist chain contacting cooked crabs; (9) inadequate sanitation of aprons subsequently allowed to contact cooked crabs; (10) improper storage of cleaning chemicals; and (11) numerous improper employee practices in the picking and packing operations.

Our investigators also noted that your firm is using an unapproved insecticide, Prozap VIP Insect Spray, for fogging food processing areas. This insecticide is not labeled as USDA approved for use in food processing plants and, according to information received from the manufacturer, it is not intended for such use.

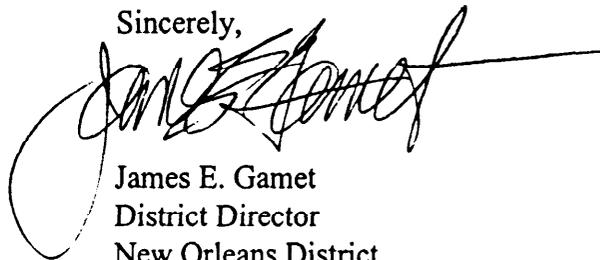
The above identification of violations is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your facility. It is your responsibility to assure adherence with each requirement of the Good Manufacturing Practice Regulations.

You should take prompt action to correct these deviations. Failure to promptly correct these deviations may result in regulatory action without further notice. This may include seizure and/or injunctions.

You should notify this office in writing, within 10 days of receipt of this letter, of the steps you have taken to correct the noted violations, including an explanation of each step being taken to prevent the recurrence of similar violations. If corrective actions cannot be completed within 10 days, state the reason for the delay and the time within which the corrections will be completed.

Your response should be directed to Barbara D. Wright, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122-3896. Should you have any questions concerning the contents of this letter, or if you desire a meeting with the agency staff, you may contact Mrs. Wright at telephone number (504) 589-7166.

Sincerely,



James E. Gamet
District Director
New Orleans District

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