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**H.C. Foods Co. Issues an Alert on Uneviscerated Fish**

(JUNEAU, AK) – H.C. Foods Co., Ltd. has issued a recall on frozen dried mackerel and dried round scad because the product was not properly eviscerated prior to processing and may be contaminated with *Clostridium botulinum* spores, which can cause botulism, a serious and potentially fatal foodborne illness.

The following recalled products were sold to wholesale distributors and at retail outlets under the Pacific Isles Brand from the Philippines:

<b>Dried Mackerel (Hasa Hasa)</b>	<b>8-oz plastic bags</b>	<b>Lot #3298 Lot #0760</b>
<b>Dried Round Scad (Galunggong)</b>	<b>8-oz plastic bags</b>	<b>Lot #3228 Lot #3168</b>

Alaska DEC confirms this product has been distributed in Alaska; however, there have been no illnesses or other complaints reported. Consumers with questions may contact the company at (323) 722-8648 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST.

Botulism, a potentially fatal form of food poisoning, can cause the following symptoms: general weakness, paralysis, dizziness, double-vision and trouble with speaking or swallowing. Other common symptoms include difficulty breathing, muscle weakness, abdominal distension and constipation. People experiencing these problems should seek immediate medical attention.

More information on this recall can be found at:  
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm300198.htm>.

For more information on recalls affecting Alaskans, visit DEC's website:  
<http://www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.html>.



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