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State Health Commissioner

DATE: June 17, 2010
TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer
FROM: *DLG*
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program
SUBJECT: Portland Shellfish Company, Inc. Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Cooked, ready to eat fresh or frozen lobster meat as recent tests show the product has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled products were distributed nationwide in wholesale and retail stores. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

Portland Shellfish Company Recalls Cooked, Frozen Claw Island Brand, Craig's All Natural Brand and Inland Ocean Brand Lobster Claw and Knuckle Meat Because of Possible Health Risk.

Company Contact:
Portland Shellfish Co. Inc.
Portland, Maine
207-699-5505

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – June 14, 2010 – Portland Shellfish Company, Inc. is voluntarily recalling the following brands of cooked, ready to eat fresh or frozen lobster meat: Portland Shellfish Co. Inc brand, Claw island, Craig’s All Natural, and Inland Ocean cooked, fresh or frozen lobster claw and knuckle meat as recent tests show the product has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The recalled products were distributed nationwide in wholesale and retail stores.

Recalled products and Lot numbers:

LOBSTER CLAW & KNUCKLE MEAT, CS 6 x 2 LB, packed under the Claw Island, Craig’s All Natural or Inland Ocean brand, production lot numbers 13210, 13310, and 13410, shipped between 05/14/2010 and 05/26/2010.

LOBSTER KNUCKLE MEAT, CS 6 x 2 LB, packed under the Inland Ocean brand, production lot numbers 13210, shipped on 05/13/2010.

LOBSTER CLAW & KNUCKLE MEAT, CS 18 x 15 oz, packed under the Claw Island brand, production lot numbers 13210 and 13410, shipped between 05/25/2010 and 06/08/2010.

LOBSTER CLAW & KNUCKLE MEAT, CS 20 x 8 oz, packed under the Craig’s All Natural brand, production lot numbers 13210, shipped on 05/14/2010.

LOBSTER KNUCKLE MEAT, 1 LB bag, fresh, packed under Portland shellfish brand, production lot number 13310, shipped on 05/12/2010.

LOBSTER CLAW & KNUCKLE MEAT, 4 oz bag, fresh, packed under Portland shellfish brand, production lot number 13310, shipped on 05/13/2010.

LOBSTER CLAW & KNUCKLE MEAT, 1 LB bag, fresh, packed under Portland shellfish brand, production lot number 13210 and 13310, shipped on 05/12/2010 and 05/13/2010.

LOBSTER CLAW & KNUCKLE MEAT, 2 LB bag, fresh, packed under Portland shellfish brand, production lot number 13210 and 13310, shipped on 05/12/2010 05/13/2010, 05/14/2010.

LOBSTER CLAW & KNUCKLE MEAT, 5 LB bag, fresh, packed under Portland shellfish brand, production lot number 13210, shipped on 05/12/2010.

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume it and to return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Consumers with questions may contact the company at 207-699-5505, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m

No related foodborne illnesses have been reported to date.

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