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OLMA-XXI, Inc. recalls Norven herring in oil because of possible health risk

OLMA-XXI, Inc. of Brooklyn, NY, is recalling NORVEN herring in oil, Lot 530611, because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. There have been no illnesses reported to date, but the product was distributed to distributors and retail stores in Illinois and elsewhere.

The affected NORVEN herring in oil is packaged in plastic containers (tubs):

Net Wt. 17.6 oz. (500g), UPC barcode 856687004196; Lot # 530611, Best before: 10/27/16 (stamped on bottom label);

Net Wt. 10.6 oz. (300g), UPC barcode 856687004189; Lot # 530611, Best before: 10/27/16 (stamped on bottom label).

The recall is the result of sampling and testing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) which revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in the 17.6 oz. (500g) packages of NORVEN Herring in oil, Lot # 530611. The distribution of the product has been suspended while FDA and the company continue to investigate the source of the problem.

Listeria monocytogenes is 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.

Consumers who have purchased plastic containers of Norven herring in oil, Lot 530611, are urged not to consume this product and to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-718-675-0706, Monday - Friday, 8 am - 6 pm, EDT.

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