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Fish products recalled due to possible contamination

Gold Star Smoked Fish Corp of Brooklyn, NY, is recalling Baltic Treasures, Norwegian Style Matjes, Marinella "Delicatessnaya", Jewish Style Matjes, Traditional Russian Matjes, and Rybacka Wies Matjes Brands of Herring Fillets in Oil due to contamination or possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Although no illnesses have reported in connection with this recall, the products were distributed nationwide. For a full list of specific products in the recall, please see the Food and Drug Administration's website at <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm364260.htm>

Listeria monocytogenes can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy persons may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The recall was initiated after sampling by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Food Inspectors and subsequent analysis of the product by Food Laboratory personnel revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in samples of some of the brands being recalled. Gold Star Smoked Fish Corp. is voluntarily recalling additional brands and additional lots of herring fillets in oil as a precaution.

Consumers who purchased a product subject to the recall should not consume it and should return it to the place of purchase. Consumers with any questions may contact the company directly at 718-522-5480.

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