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Firm recalls Red Thread Fish due to possible health risk

The Kane county Health Department is advising residents that the Arcadia Trading Inc. of Brooklyn, N.Y. is recalling all packages of Red Thread Fish because the fish have not had their entrails removed, described as uneviscerated. The product comes in a 7 oz. heat sealed plastic bag.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem but the recalled Red Thread Fish was distributed nationwide in supermarkets. Consumers are warned not to use the product even if it does not look or smell spoiled. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The potential for contamination was noted by New York State Department of Agriculture inspectors during a routine inspection and subsequent analysis of product by Food Laboratory personnel confirmed that the fish was not properly eviscerated prior to processing.

The sale of uneviscerated processed fish is prohibited because *Clostridium botulinum* spores are more likely to be concentrated in the viscera than any other portion of the fish. Uneviscerated fish have been linked to outbreaks of botulism poisoning. Symptoms of botulism poisoning include blurred or double vision, general weakness, and poor reflexes, difficulty swallowing and respiratory paralysis.

Consumers who have purchased 7 oz. packages of Red Thread Fish are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 718-782-6888.

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