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Rome Packing Co., Inc. Recalls Fresh And Frozen Crab Meat Because Of Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – October 22, 2014 – East Providence, RI - Rome Packing Co., Inc. has issued a voluntary recall of Ocean’s Catch brand All Natural Jonah Crab Leg Meat after routine product sampling by the company determined some of the finished products may have been contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria. *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.

No illnesses have been reported to date. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them and return them to the place of purchase for a refund or discard them.

The list of recalled products include fresh and frozen products.

The list of fresh recalled products are packaged in round plastic containers (tub with snap-on lid), sold as refrigerated, includes:

5 ounce Ocean’s Catch All Natural Fresh Jonah Crab Leg Meat:

- lot number 0104804 with a sell by date before 10/15/14;

6 ounce Ocean’s Catch All Natural Jonah Crab Combo Meat:

- lot number 0104791 with a sell by date before 10/13/14;
- lot number 0104666 with a sell by date before 10/15/14;

8 ounce Ocean's Catch All Natural Fresh Jonah Crab Leg Meat:

- lot number 0104665 with a sell by date before 10/13/14;
- lot number 0104665 with a sell by date before 10/14/14;
- lot number 0104804 with a sell by date before 10/14/14;
- lot number 0104842 with a sell by date before 10/16/14;

8 ounce Ocean's Catch All Natural Jonah Crab Combo Meat:

- lot number 0104787 with a sell by date before 10/14/14;

16 ounce Ocean's Catch All Natural Fresh Jonah Crab Leg Meat:

- lot number 0104659 with a sell by date before 10/13/14;
- lot number 0104665 with a sell by date before 10/14/14;
- lot number 0104842 with a sell by date before 10/16/14;

16 ounce Ocean's Catch All Natural Jonah Crab Combo Meat:

- lot number 0104806 with a sell by date before 10/14/14;
- lot number 0104845 with a sell by date before 10/16/14;

The list of frozen recalled products are packaged in plastic bags, sold frozen, includes:

5 pound bags of Ocean's Catch All Natural Frozen Jonah Crab Leg Meat:

- lot number 0104842 with a sell by date before 4/16/16;

The products are distributed in Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, Illinois and California to retail stores including but not limited to: Shaw's Supermarkets, Legal Sea Foods, and Harbor Fish Market. Consumers with questions may contact the company's representative, John F. Whiteside, Jr. at (508)991-3333.

Any consumers who believe they may have become ill after eating the products should contact their health care provider.

Rome Packing Co., Inc. is cooperating with the Food and Drug Administration and Rhode Island Department of Health investigation. Rome Packing Co., Inc. has initiated corrective action in their processing plant to prevent this from occurring.

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