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### EHS Circular Letter # 2012-25

Date: May 3, 2012

To: Directors of Health  
Certified Food Inspectors  
Chief Sanitarians  
Interested Parties

From: Christine Applewhite, RS  
Food Protection Program

Re: Removal of all Korean Shellfish Shippers from the Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List

The Food Protection Program (FPP) received notification from the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that the country of Korea has been removed from the Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List, as of Tuesday, May 1, 2012. All fresh and fresh/frozen shellfish from Korea, regardless of the production date, shall be considered to be an **unapproved source until further notice**.

The FDA is currently working with the Korean government to resolve the water quality deficiencies that prompted their removal from the list.

Local health departments that inspect foodservice establishments that currently serve shellfish or have dishes on their menu containing shellfish ingredients should verify the source of such shellfish on site by utilizing the most current Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List, which can be found at <http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/Product-SpecificInformation/Seafood/FederalStatePrograms/InterstateShellfishShippersList/default.htm>.

The CT Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture (DOAG/BA) has requested that local inspectors witness the destruction of any shellfish originating from Korea if found during routine inspections or site visits. The DOAG/BA also requests to be notified of the specific product(s) found and destroyed on-site. Please send destruction notifications directly to Kristin DeRosia-Banick by email at [kristin.frank@snet.net](mailto:kristin.frank@snet.net).

Questions regarding this notification may be directed to the FPP at (860) 509-7297.

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