New York State
Department of Agriculture and Markets
Division of Food Safety and Inspection

Strategies for Imported Foods

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Our Expanding Role with Imports

- Food Seizure Authority
- Resource capacity
- Food Laboratory
- Ability to respond quickly
- Broad enforcement
- Other State Issues
32% OF 11,600,000 ENTRIES

DIVERSITY OF POPULATION
## Food Recalls

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Imported Foods Initiative

• Information sharing
• Inspection
• Examination
• Food/Feed Sampling
• Recovery Efforts
• Utilize Resources
New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets

Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor
Darrel J. Aubertine, Commissioner

Imported Foods Initiative

- 8 NYSA&M Food Inspectors
- FDA Commissioned
- Training
Imported Foods Initiative

- FDA Registered LACF/Acidified Foods
- Unregistered State Facilities
- Laboratory Protocols
- Import Alerts
Imported Foods Initiative

• 1,637 Assignments
• 3,875 Physical Exams
• 291 Seizures/1.1M Lbs
• 1,032 Food Samples (231 violative)
• 309 Recalls (25 Class 1)
• 14 Import Alerts
Marwan Raad
10/19/04 - 1/31/06

• Importer from Laval, Quebec, Canada
• Shipment traced from Port of Champlain to Astoria, NY
• Investigation involved FDA Investigators, Food Inspectors & Canadian Agriculture
• Provided false consignee information to FDA’s Prior Notice Center
• Resulted in the first arrest and conviction using the BT provisions of the FD&C Act
BABY FORMULA
LACF/ACIDIFIED FOOD REGISTRATION
POULTRY PRODUCTS
SEAFOOD
SEAFOOD [Fish Balls]
POSITIVE LEAD TEST
Lead in Mexican Candy
ILLEGAL/UNAPPROVED COLORS
E122 (Azorubine Carmoisine)

- Banned in U.S.
- Causes allergic reactions (rash, skin swelling)
- Declared on label of Jammy Duble Buble
- Yankee Dollar Store, Granville, N.Y.
Cuttlefish Black

• Unapproved in U.S.
• Not known to cause illness or allergic reactions
• Declared on label
• Provides a nice shellfish taste to pasta
SULFITES
Economic Violations
Pathogens
Operation Year of the Tiger

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Educational Efforts