FDA Korean shellfish warning

The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reports that all fresh and frozen shellfish, and many products made from these shellfish, shipped from Korea to the U.S. may be contaminated. This includes frozen breaded shellfish products from Korea; canned shellfish are not affected. States have been advised to treat Korean shellfish products as being from an unapproved source.

As of May 1, 2012, FDA has removed all certified dealers in the Korean Shellfish Sanitation Program from its Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List. This stops the shipment of fresh/frozen molluscan shellfish from Korea to the U.S.   Molluscan shellfish includes oysters, clams, mussels, and scallops, except canned products.

As of May 10, no reported illnesses appear to have been associated with Korean molluscan shellfish products. As a preventative measure, consumers who have already purchased these products and have them at home should not eat them.

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

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