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## RECALL NOTICE

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### Recall -- Firm Press Release

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#### **Tri-Union Seafoods Issues Precautionary, Voluntary Recall of Limited 12-Ounce Solid White Tuna in Water**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – June 30, 2010 – San Diego – Tri-Union Seafoods LLC is issuing a precautionary, voluntary recall of a limited amount of Chicken of the Sea brand 12-ounce solid white tuna in water.

Due to a production error, the product does not meet the company's standards for seal tightness, and the company is conducting the precautionary, voluntary recall out of an abundance of caution to ensure public health, said Shue Wing Chan, president, Tri-Union Seafoods.

There have been no reported illnesses. Loose seals, or seams, could result in product contamination by spoilage organisms or by pathogens and lead to illness if consumed.

Tri-Union Seafoods' trace-back measures determined distribution of the product at retail was limited to 1,105 total cases in the states of Wisconsin, Nebraska, Utah, Pennsylvania, New York, Maine, Colorado, Indiana, California and Oregon. The Chicken of the Sea brand 12-ounce solid white tuna in water was distributed in February and May. Consumers who purchased the product with the UPC code 4800000262, "Best By Date 2/10/2014" and product code 70A1E ASWAB, 70A2E ASWAB, 70A3E ASWAB, 70A4E ASWAB, 70A5E ASWAB, 70AEE ASWAB or 70AFE ASWAB are asked to call 1-877-843-6376 for return information and a full refund. The UPC code (also known as bar code) is found on the side of the can and the best by date and product code are imprinted on the bottom of the can. No other codes of solid white tuna in water or any other Chicken of the Sea products are affected

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by this voluntary recall.

"The health and safety of our customers and consumers is paramount. As soon as we discovered this production error, we took immediate steps in issuing this precautionary, voluntary recall, and alerting the appropriate regulatory authorities," said Chan. "We have notified all of our customers who have received the product and asked them to remove it from their shelves. Our immediate actions in this recall include re-evaluating our systems to ensure this error does not happen again."

Consumers looking for additional information can call 1-877-843-6376 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

- **We believe that none of the products being recalled were processed or offered through the national office.**
- We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.
- ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.
- For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

For full details on the recall, please visit: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm217779.htm>

If you have questions, please contact William Hellman, Director of Food Safety, at [whellman@feedingamerica.org](mailto:whellman@feedingamerica.org) or 312.641.6875.

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#### About Feeding America Recall Notices

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