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Public Health / Recall Alert: Oysters from the Republic of Korea Linked to Norovirus Contamination

Vernon, California — Pacific American Fish Company is issuing a public health advisory and recall of **Oyster Half Shell Raw Frozen – Processor JBR, harvest on 01/06/2025, Lot Code B250106, imported from the Republic of Korea, PAFCO label reads as follows Product Code OYS107, Lot #: 385050-2**, which have been linked to cases of norovirus illness. Consumers, food service establishments, and distributors are urged to take immediate precautions.

The contaminated oysters were harvested from designated growing areas in the Republic of Korea and have been distributed to multiple U.S. states. Testing and illness reports have confirmed the presence of **norovirus**, a highly contagious virus that can cause severe gastrointestinal illness.

Norovirus symptoms typically appear within 12 to 48 hours of exposure and include:

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Stomach cramps
- Fever and headache in some cases

Most people recover within 1–3 days, but young children, the elderly, and immunocompromised individuals may experience more severe outcomes.

Recommendations:

- **Retailers and Restaurants:** Immediately discontinue the sale and service of **Oyster Half Shell Raw Frozen** from the affected **Processor JBR with Lot #: B250106, Harvest Date 01/06/2025 and with PAFCO's label indicating Product Code: OYS107 with Lot #:385050-2**. Please contact your distributor for proper disposition of the product.

- **Distributors:** Cease distribution and initiate product recalls for **Oyster Half Shell Raw Frozen** from the affected **Processor JBR with lot #: B250106, harvest date 01/06/2025 and with PAFCO's label indicating Product Code: OYS107 with Lot #:385050-2.** Please contact PAFCO for proper disposition of the product.

This advisory and recall is part of an ongoing investigation in collaboration with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and additional updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

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