

Massachusetts Quahog Recall Notice

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HARVESTER SEAFOOD AND SHELLFISH (MA 7474 SS) in Marion MA has initiated a recall of quahogs (hard clams) harvested from an unapproved source. Harvest of the recalled quahogs occurred on three separate dates, 8/8/23, 8/9/23 and 8/10/23. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has determined that the recalled quahogs were shipped on 8/10/23 to a single dealer, MAR SEAFOOD (RI 359 SS, WS) in Warwick, RI. The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) and FDA Regional Shellfish Specialists have been notified of the recall.

The implicated shellstock is part of a larger shipment that includes quahogs from additional MA growing areas and harvest dates. The harvest areas identified on the Mar Seafood dealer tags may be incorrect due to possible recordkeeping errors by the shipping and receiving dealers. Regardless, the implicated quahogs were identified by MDPH and RIDOH through information included on both Harvester Seafood and Shellfish's invoice #28987 and Mar Seafood's receiving records. Both sets of records identify the same quantities and market sizes of quahogs. Additionally, the MDPH and RIDOH investigations revealed that Mar Seafood shellfish tags for all implicated quahogs may have identified the harvest area as Cape Cod Bay Ma BB40. Implicated shellstock identified by Harvester Seafood and Shellfish's records include 75 x 200 bags Countneck, 23 x 100 bags Topneck, and 2 x 50 lbs bags of Chowder Quahogs.

Please contact Eric Hickey, at the MDPH Food Protection Program, eric.hickey@mass.gov or 617-983-6774, if you have any questions or require further information.