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Food and Drug Administration (FDA)  
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Dear Peter,

Regarding to follow up of the Mexican Authorities about the cases of Shigelosis in the United States, presumptive associated with the consumption of molluscan shellfish of the growing area of Estero El Cardón, in Baja California Sur, which led to the closure of this growing area since May 7 and the recall of product realized for the process plant.

We inform you that after realized actions of sanitary control in the growing area and the processing plant, that included the sampling and analysis of *Shigella* spp, as well as the review of available epidemiological information, and the request to the State Authority and the harvester actions tending to avoid the presentation of these incidents, we proceeded to open the growing area for the harvest and commercialization of molluscan shellfish as of June 13, 2019.

About this matter, we inform to FDA of the activities that will be carry follow up on this incident:

- We will be programing actions in the growing area, which will include product sampling for the analysis of *Shigella* spp.
- We strengthened the coordination with the Epidemiology Authorities regarding illness transmitted by the consumption of bivalve molluscs.
- We will be promoting with the community of Estero El Cardón actions of cleanliness of the harvest area.

As far as the company is concerned, it will strengthen the health control of its employees, the periodic sampling of *Shigella* spp, and the modification of the harvesting process and the recall's plan.



This information is sending for your knowledge and divulgation.

We also request the U.S. Sanitary Authorities to provide us with any information in a timely manner regarding the sanitary control of molluscan shellfish from Mexico, in order to carry out the corresponding actions.

**EFFECTIVE SUFRAGE. NO REELECTION.  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS.**

**JORGE ANTONIO VELA DÍAZ**

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