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Update on imported frozen raw ahi testing positive for hepatitis A

HONOLULU -- The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) has been notified by Tropic Hawaii, LLC, the distributor for the imported frozen raw ahi, that Aloha Sushi at 3131 N. Nimitz Hwy. received, but did not use any of the product to serve or sell food.

“We apologize for our mistake identifying Aloha Sushi as a food establishment that used the imported ahi recalled by our company yesterday,” said Shawn Tanoue, President of Tropic Fish Hawaii, LLC. “The information we reported to the Department of Health was incorrect and Aloha Sushi did not serve or sell our product that tested positive for hepatitis A.”

At an on-site inspection late yesterday of the ABC store at 205 Lewers St., a DOH inspector was informed by the store and confirmed the recalled product was received and not sold.

The press release issued yesterday by DOH identified Aloha Sushi at 3131 N. Nimitz Hwy. and the ABC store at 205 Lewers St. as food establishments that used the recalled product to prepare food sold to customers. This information was provided by distributor Tropic Hawaii to DOH as part of state reporting requirements for food safety.