

Golden Boy Recall: Contaminated fish found in Burke

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Imported fish tainted by a potentially dangerous antibiotic was discovered at a store in Morganton.

The fish was contaminated with Fluoroquinolone, which could harm children and unborn babies if consumed in large amounts, according to state health officials. Health officials are recalling Golden Boy brand silver barb fish from Vietnam. Distribution company Lien Hoa Food Corporation out of Chicago, is voluntarily ceasing product distribution. Contamination is blamed on a chicken coop near where the fish were raised. Chickens were fed medicated seed, and their waste is believed to have dropped into the fish pond. The company's shrimp may have been raised in the same manner- and health officials will be testing them next week. In the meantime, state officials warn to be wary of seafood imported from Asia. So far, the contaminated fish has not been discovered in the High Country, but the brand is sold at some specialty stores. Ten stores in North Carolina have had their products tested for the antibiotic- and so far, only Morganton has found the drug in fish. Until contamination is found in the High Country- there's no need to panic, officials say. They do urge you to use caution, however, when purchasing Asian fish.