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The Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA) is a non-profit alliance of members of the U.S. shrimp industry in eight states committed to preventing the continued deterioration of America's shrimp industry and to ensuring the industry's future viability. SSA serves as the national voice for the shrimp fishermen and processors in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas.

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## **Press Release: Alfred L. Wolff Honey Importations -- Indictment**

The indictment seeks forfeiture of more than \$78 million representing allegedly unpaid antidumping duties. It further seeks forfeiture of more than \$39 .5 million, representing the declared value of 606 total entries, or shipments, of Chinese-origin honey that entered the United States between March 2002 and April 2008 and was allegedly falsely declared as having originated in Russia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. It also seeks forfeiture of 2,441 drums of honey seized by the United States in 2008 from storage facilities in Tacoma, Washington; Minneapolis and Eagan, Minnesota; and the Chicago suburbs of Bensenville, Glenview and Itasca.

Between 2001 and July 2007, the Commerce Department imposed antidumping duties on Chinese-origin honey as high as 221 percent and,

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later, \$2.06 per net kilogram of honey through the end of 2008. In October 2002, the Food and Drug Administration issued an import alert for honey containing the antibiotic Chloramphenicol, a broad spectrum antibiotic that is used to treat serious infections in humans, but which is not approved for use in honey production. Honey containing the antibiotics Ciprofloxacin, Norfloxacin, Chloramphenicol, and Furazolidone is deemed "adulterated" within the meaning of federal food and drug safety laws.

As part of the conspiracy, the indictment alleges that defendants caused honey en route to the United States to be tested by a German laboratory and, after learning that it contained antibiotics, caused it to be sold to U.S. customers and even re-sold to some after it was rejected by others due to the presence of antibiotics. The indictment does not identify any ultimate food processors, products or brands, stores, or domestic supply chain.