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Ralston Purina Recalling 1,000 Tons of Fish Food

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL *Staff Reporter*

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt.—Ralston Purina Co. notified distributors throughout the nation to begin recalling all feeds it produces for fish.

Spokesmen for Ralston said the recall covers about 1,000 tons of the feed, including five trout foods and one catfish food sold under its trademark.

It said the recall was ordered after the Food and Drug Administration said it found unsafe amounts of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in a fish meal produced by a Wilmington, N.C., terminal.

Ralston said it buys the meal and processes it at its plant in Richmond, Ind. The company said it is one of several feed companies that use the meal.

The fish food is used by owners of private ponds, persons who raise fish for restaurants and other food outlets and by some hatcheries.

A Ralston spokesman said a manufacturer of PCB had tested its effect on dogs and rats, and that after giving them "20 times the FDA level allowable for 21 continuous months, "there hadn't been any noticeable effects. The study concluded that "a human being would have to eat extremely high doses for many months to notice any ill effects," he said.

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