

ALFOODACT 09/03
Ban of Imported Canadian Ruminant (Beef, Sheep, and Goats) Meat and Meat Products
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1. Reference:

- a. DLAR 4155.26/AR40-660/NAVSUPINST 10110.8c/AFI 48-116/MCO 10110.38C, DOD Hazardous Food and Nonprescription Drug Recall system.
- b. Allied Communications Publication 121, US SUPP-1(F).

2. The United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has temporarily banned importation of "ruminant" (cattle, sheep, and goats) meat or meat products from Canada until further notice. Ruminant products are from animals that chew their cud. On 20 May 2003, a single confirmed case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in Canada was detected in an 8 year-old beef cow. This appears to be the first known case of BSE involving cattle born in North America. According to a published statement by the Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman, the risk to human health and the possibility of transmission to animals in the United States is very low.

3. Production Dates/Identifying Codes:

All imported Canadian ruminant meat and meat products.

(THIS BAN EXCLUDES DAIRY PRODUCTS.)

4. Distribution: Unknown.

5. Reason for Recall: A Canadian beef cow tested positive for BSE. Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) is a chronic, degenerative disorder affecting the central nervous system of cattle.

6. Directives for Message Recipients:

A. Accountable personnel will:

(1) SECURE IN A "MEDICAL HOLD" STATUS TO PROVIDE ASSURANCE OF NO FURTHER ISSUE/SALE/USE OF THE ITEM.

B. Disposition Instructions:

(1) Ships at sea are authorized to destroy or dispose of recalled products at their discretion. Documentation for the number of pounds and cases, and any additional pertinent information must be signed by the Accountable Officer and is required for the purpose of recouping to the government the cost of the product involved. Information shall be forwarded by priority message to this center.

(2) In addition, all signed documentation must be faxed or mailed to CW3 Melinda Strother at the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP-HS), Directorate of Subsistence, Bldg. 6, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19111. Voice Mail: DSN 444-7746/2911; Commercial: (215) 737-7746/2911; Fax: (215) 737-7526.

(3) Further Instructions: As a potential for adverse health consequences exists, activities known to have issued/sold the above items are authorized to notify their customers.

(4) A follow-on ALFOODACT will be released at a later date with further disposition instructions.

7. Instances of Human Illness related to this recall should be reported to DSCP-HS, DSN 444-7746/2911, Commercial (215) 737-7746/2911, or by Fax to (215) 737-7526, and upon request be confirmed in a priority message to this center. POC for this message is [CW3 Melinda F. Strother](#), Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-HS, DSN 444-7746/2911, commercial (215) 737-7746/2911, or by Fax to (215)737-7526.