

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Consider this message a "Heads Up" notice. If warranted, DSCP will initiate an ALFOODACT. FYI, I've pasted a copy of the DSCP Recall Notice below:

SUBJECT: DSCP Recall 015-2003: *W. Ellery Kellum Inc. Shellfish Products*

Date Issued: July 24, 2003

Products Recalled: Shellfish Products (to include clams, mussels, and oysters) from *W. Ellery Kellum, Inc.*

No other *W. Ellery Kellum, Inc.* product is involved in this recall.

Production Dates/Identifying Codes: All shellfish products; all code dates.

Problem/Reason For Recall: Shellfish may be contaminated with pathogenic species of *Vibrio* bacteria.

How/When Discovered: As part of a routine sampling program, Medical Food Inspectors at a Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) store selected a 16 oz jar of *W. Ellery Kellum, Inc.* raw, shucked oysters for laboratory analysis at the VETCOM Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory in Fort Sam Houston, TX. The laboratory isolated three species of *Vibrio*, two of which are pathogenic. *Vibrio cholera* can be pathogenic, but that particular species was not isolated during analysis of the product. The other two species are as follows:

Vibrio vulnificus

Vibrio parahaemolyticus

The two species of *Vibrio* listed above are known to cause diseases in man. Consumers of raw oysters are considered at risk for *vulnificus* illness if they have hepatitis or other liver disease, are under immunosuppression treatment for cancer or any other disease, are HIV-positive, are diabetic, have chronic kidney disease, or suffer from a condition where the normal acidity of the stomach is low.

Establishment: W. Ellery Kellum Inc.
Weems, VA 22576

The manufacturer is listed on the Interstate Shell Shipper's List- **ISSL Number: VA 15SP**

Distribution: Products were distributed to Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) stores in VA and SC, but entire distribution area is unknown.

Recall Notification Level: Retail

INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) Secure in a "Medical Hold" status to provide assurance of no further issue/sale/use of the item, pending results of a special sanitation audit.

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

The Point Of Contact for this recall notice is CW3 Melinda Strother, Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-HS. VOICE, DSN: 444-7746/2911, Commercial (215) 737-7746/2911, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526.