

**ALFOODACT 003-2004-(EXPANSION Of ALFOODACT 002-2004) Richwood Meat Company, Inc. Frozen Ground Beef and Beef Patties, *Escherichia coli* O157:H7
DATE ISSUED: February 25, 2004**

1. REFERENCE:

- a. DLAR 4155.26/AR 40-660/NAVSUPINST 10110.8c/AFI 48-116/MCO 10110.38c, DOD Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System.
- b. Allied Communications Publication 121, US SUPP-1 (f).
- c. ALFOODACT 002-2004, dated February 23, 2004.

2. BACKGROUND:

Frozen ground beef patties purchased at the Kadena Commissary in Okinawa, Japan have been implicated in a case of Enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* (EHEC), designated as *E. coli* O157:H7. There have been no reports of illnesses related to products distributed in the United States. Richwood Meats Inc. initiated a voluntary recall, which covers approximately 90,000 pounds of product produced on August 11, 2003. Additional information, (including disposition instructions) is contained in the body of this message.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

The Products Subject To Recall Include :

- Various size cases of CALIFORNIA PACIFIC ASSOCIATES "PURE BEEF PATTIES" and "BEEF SIRLOIN & BEEF PATTIES." Each case carries a pack date of 8-11-03 and the establishment number "8264" inside the USDA seal of inspection. All of the cases bearing this label were shipped to military installations.
- Various size packages of "GROUND BEEF PATTIES" and "GROUND BEEF BULK" packed for SYSCO. The labels for the recalled products contain a pack date of 8-11-03. Each box bears the company name SYSCO and is stamped with the establishment number "8264" inside the USDA seal of inspection. These products were sent to institutional establishments.
- Various size packages of Richwood Meat Company Richwood Meat Company GROUND BEEF," "Richwood Meat Company BEEF PATTIES," "Richwood Meat Company BEEF SIRLION AND BEEF PATTIES" and "Richwood Meat Company GROUND BEEF PATTIES." Each case carries a pack date of 8-11-03 and the establishment number "8264" inside the USDA seal of inspection. These products were shipped to institutional and retail establishments.
- Various size packages of Chef's Pride Brand "GROUND BEEF" and "GROUND BEEF CHUCK." Each case carries a pack date of 8-11-03 and the establishment number "8264" inside the USDA seal of inspection. These products were sent to institutional establishments.
- Ten-pound boxes of Golbon "Beef Patties" with a package code of "7320." Each case carries a pack date of 8-11-03 and the establishment number "8264" inside the USDA seal of inspection. These products were sent to institutional establishments.
- Ten-pound boxes of DANCO QUALITY FOODS "PURE BEEF PATTIES" with package codes 7067 and 7077 printed on the labels. Each case carries a pack date of 8-11-03 and the establishment number "8264" inside the USDA seal of inspection. These products were sent to institutional establishments.
- Ten-pound boxes of "Ritz Food Service GROUND BEEF CHUCK" with package code 4729. Each box carries a pack date of 8-11-03 and the establishment number "8264" inside the USDA seal of inspection. The product was sent to institutional establishments.

- Twenty-pound boxes of "GROUND BEEF" packed for COLUMBUS FOODSERVICE. Each box contains two ten-pound chubs of ground beef and carries a pack date of 8-11-03. The establishment number "8264" can be found inside the USDA seal of inspection. The product was sent to institutional establishments.

4. MANUFACTURER/FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT:

FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT: 8264 M
Richwood Meat Co Inc
2751 N. Santa Fe Dr
Merced, CA 95348

5. DISTRIBUTION: Retail stores and institutions in California, Washington, Idaho, and U.S. military installations in the Far East.

6. REASON FOR RECALL: Products may be contaminated with *Escherichia coli* O157:H7.

7. DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:

A. Accountable Personnel Will:

- (1) Immediately inventory stocks to identify the above items.
- (2) Secure in a "Medical Hold" status to provide assurance of no further issue/sale/use of the item.
- (3) Consumers may return product to point of purchase.
- (4) **Accountable Activities Should Return The Recalled Products To The Manufacturer Via The Vendor Representative.**

B. Further 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: DSN 444-7746/2911; Commercial: (215) 737-7746/2911; FAX: DSN: 444-7526/(215) 737-7526.

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

(4) **Instances of Human Illness** related to this ALFOODACT should be reported to the DSCP Consumer Safety Officer.

8. **The Point Of Contact** for this message 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.