

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 005-2004 - Paramount Farms: Raw Almonds
(Expanded FDA Recall Notice)
DATE ISSUED: May 24, 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. FDA Recall: Paramount Farms- Raw Almonds, DSCP Issue

Date: May 19, 2004

2. BACKGROUND:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is advising distributors, wholesalers and consumers that a recall of raw almonds due to reports of *Salmonella Enteriditis* that was announced by Paramount Farms, Lost Hills, CA, on 5/18/04 has expanded. The FDA has since learned that Paramount Farms distributed the recalled almonds in bulk or packaged nationwide to brokers, distributors and grocery store chains, which in turn sold the almonds to consumers in a variety of package sizes with a variety of brand names.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

a. Natural raw almonds sold under the Kirkland Signature, Trader Joe's, Sunkist Brands, and **ALL** brands of raw almonds manufactured by Paramount Farms, having a **"best before" date of 8/21/04 or later.**

b. All package sizes are recalled.

c. The almonds may be sold under other unknown brand names.

4. MANUFACTURER: Paramount Farms Incorporated
13646 Highway 33
Lost Hills, CA 93249

5. DISTRIBUTION: The products were distributed nationwide and to Mexico, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, France, England and Italy.

6. QUANTITY: Unknown

7. REASON FOR RECALL: Products may be contaminated with *Salmonella Enteriditis*.

8. DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:

(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) Accountable Activities should arrange a return of the recalled products to the manufacturer, by means of the Vendor Representative.

(4) As the potential for adverse health consequences exists, individuals who have purchased the recalled raw almonds should not consume them but instead return them to the place of purchase for a full refund.

9. **The Point Of Contact** for this message is CW3 [Melinda Strother](#), Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-HS. VOICE, DSN: 444-7746/8461, Commercial (215) 737-7746/8461, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526.

Very Respectfully,
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