

**SUBJECT:** ALFOODACT 001-2005, Status Of ALFOODACT Messages For Calendar Year 2004

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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).

2. During Calendar Year 2004, Nineteen (19) ALFOODACT Messages were issued. The series began with 001-2004 and ended with 019-2004.

3. The 2004 ALFOODACT Message summary follows:

<u>MSG #</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
001-2004	Jan 7, 2004	Status Of ALFOODACT Messages for CY 2003	All "CY 03" Messages closed
002-2004	Feb 23, 2004	Richwood Meat Co.	Closed
003-2004	Feb 25, 2004	Expansion of ALFOODACT 002-2004	Closed
004-2004	Mar 23, 2004	Mexi-Frost Specialties Inc.	Closed
005-2004	May 24, 2004	Paramount Farms	Closed
006-2004	June 1, 2004	Chicken of the Sea Tuna	Closed
007-2004	June 15, 2004	Frozen Lasagna	Closed
008-2004	Aug 23, 2004	Frozen Beef Products	Closed
009-2004	Aug 30, 2004	Update to ALFOODACT 008-2004	Closed
010-2004	Sep 23, 2004	Starkist Tuna	Open
011-2004	Nov 2, 2004	Chicken of the Sea Tuna (Final Disposition)	Closed
012-2004	Nov 9, 2004	Jordan's Frankfurters	Closed
013-2004	Nov 19, 2004	Pancake and Cornbread Mix	Open

014-2004	Nov 24, 2004	Vikings Delight Caviar	Closed
015-2004	Dec 1, 2004	King Oscar Anchovies	Open
016-2004	Dec 2, 2004	King Oscar Anchovies (Expanded)	Open
017-2004	Dec 10, 2004	Vikings Delight Caviar (Final Disposition)	Closed
018-2004	Dec 17, 2004	Nancy's Petite Quiche	Closed
019-2004	Dec 21, 2004	Archway Holiday Cookies	Closed

a. **Closed status** denotes that this office has provided final disposition instructions for the item(s).

b. **Open status** denotes that only partial disposition instructions have been provided, and that further instructions will be provided in a subsequent message by this office.

4. **ALFOODACT Messages** may involve situations of serious adverse health consequences or death. Therefore, it is important for each message recipient to carefully read each ALFOODACT Message in detail and take appropriate action expeditiously. Message recipients should take the appropriate and necessary follow-up actions for subsequent deliveries of the recalled item(s) to ensure compliance with the initial recall.

5. **To avoid delays**, recipients of ALFOODACT Messages are encouraged to maintain a close liaison with their servicing telecommunications centers. The installation message center must be provided with a current point of contact list within the activity to ensure timely notification of receipt. If an ALFOODACT Message is not received, the local telecommunications center should be contacted to obtain a copy. However, if all attempts to secure a copy fail, then contact this center (DSCP-HSQ) for further assistance.

**Reference 1.b.** requires telecommunications centers to maintain a file of each ALFOODACT Message for one year and to provide copies upon request. Paragraph 309 of reference 1.b. further requires the telecommunications centers to maintain a record of each joint general message (e.g., ALFOODACT Messages) by serial number, until canceled by the first ALFOODACT Message of the new calendar year. If the telecommunications center failed to receive the message, then they should request a retransmission from their particular switching station. This center is responsible for issuing ALFOODACT Messages. **Message recipients** that have not received a message for 90 days or longer should contact DSCP for the latest message.

6. **Activities that discover** a condition in a food or nonprescription drug that may require a recall should report it to DSCP Philadelphia PA//DSCP-HSQ// IAW paragraph v.d.5 of reference 1.a. While an activity may place an item on "Medical Hold" for a hazardous condition, the issuance of an ALFOODACT Recall Notice is restricted to the DSCP Consumer Safety Officer.

7. Disposition instructions are currently being placed below the body of each message and can be interpreted as follows:

a. **Messages which state**, "the item is to be placed in a "Medical Hold" status and the particular supplier/distributor contacted for appropriate disposition instructions," will indicate that no further disposition instructions will be provided by this center, and the action will be considered closed.

b. **Only messages, which state**, "the item is to be placed in a "Medical Hold" status and appropriate disposition instructions will be issued at a later date," will be considered open, and further instructions will be provided by this center.

8. **DSCP appreciates** the outstanding efforts and continued support of the DoD Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System by all activities during 2004. Your comments and suggestions for improvement to this system are welcome.

9. **The POC** for this message is [CW3 Melinda F. Strother](mailto:melinda.strother@dla.mil), Consumer Safety Officer, DSCP-HSQ, at DSN 444-7746, Commercial (215) 737-7746, or (215) 737-8461; E-mail: [melinda.strother@dla.mil](mailto:melinda.strother@dla.mil); or by fax to (215) 737-7526.

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