

SUBJECT - ALFOODACT 006-2005: "StarKist" Chunk Light Tuna In Vegetable Oil (Final Disposition Instructions)
Date Issued - January 13, 2005

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. DSCP Recall Number 016-2004, Dated September 21, 2004.

d. ALFOODACT 010-2004: "StarKist" Chunk Light Tuna In Vegetable Oil, issued on September 23, 2004.

2. BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this message is to issue final disposition instructions for ALFOODACT 010-2004, released on September 23, 2004. The FDA's Washington Seafood Laboratory analyzed samples of the Starkist brand canned tuna. They found that the general quality of the tuna was very poor, and showed signs of decomposition. See paragraph/number 8. of this message for specific disposition instructions.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

Item: "StarKist Chunk Light Tuna In Vegetable Oil"

Can Size: 6 oz.

Can Code: Best By JAN 2007
SM4A13BCCJOH6

UPC: 802800

4. USDC Plant Number: 0663

StarKist Seafood
(A Division of Del Monte Foods)
1075 Progress Street
Pittsburg, PA 15212-5922

Location: StarKist Samoa, Inc.
American Samoa, Pago-Pago

5. DISTRIBUTION: Delivered to military distributors in VA

6. QUANTITY: Approximately 266 cases

7. **REASON FOR RECALL:** The product may contain extremely high histamine levels.

Histamine, in small doses, is necessary for the proper functioning of the human immune system. However, histamine may trigger severe allergic reactions when consumed in high doses.

8. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:**

(1) Immediately inventory stocks to identify the above items and secure in a "Medical Hold" status to provide assurance of no further issue/sale/use of the item.

(2) If found in inventory, Accountable Activities are authorized to destroy or dispose of the product in accordance with local policies, and through coordination with the vendor representative.

(3) **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.

(4) This ALFOODACT applies only to product description and identifying codes outlined in paragraph/number 3. of this message.

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.

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