

SUBJECT - ALFOODACT 010-2005: T. Marzetti's Buttermilk Ranch Dressing

Date Issued - May 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).

2. BACKGROUND:

This ALFOODACT message is prompted by a customer complaint that involves a T. Marzetti product. A customer returned a jar of the company's buttermilk ranch dressing to the North Island Naval Commissary in San Diego, CA., because of mold on the surface of the product. Veterinary Service personnel sampled additional products and found that some contained mold, loose jar lids, and severe separation of the product. The abnormalities described herein are quality issues and do not pose a health or safety hazard.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

The product is labeled with the following information:

Brand: T. Marzetti's Buttermilk Ranch Dressing

Size: 15 oz.

UPC: 7020050025

Best by: 05/10/05 or 08/22/05

4. ESTABLISHMENT

T. Marzetti Company
3838 Indianola Avenue
Columbus, OH 43214-3202

5. DISTRIBUTION/ RECALL CLASSIFICATION: (DeCA Commissaries)-
Distribution by Coastal Pacific Food Distributors-Ontario, CA. /
Class III

6. QUANTITY RECALLED: Unknown

7. REASON FOR RECALL: Product quality may be compromised,
affecting its usability.

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) **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.

(3) Accountable activities should return recalled product to the manufacturer through the appropriate distribution channels. *In addition, the manufacturer recommends that the product be stored under chilled conditions (38° - 42°F), to preserve the shelf-life and to maintain optimal product quality.*

(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 ALFOODACT 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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