

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 024-2006: Alcon Announces Voluntary Recall of Systane® Free LIQUID GEL Lubricant Eye Drops in the United States, Including Puerto Rico No Other Systane® Formulations Affected by Recall

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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).

c. http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/alcon12_06.html

2. BACKGROUND :

Alcon Laboratories, Inc., a subsidiary of Alcon, Inc. (NYSE: ACL), announced today a voluntary recall of Systane® Free LIQUID GEL lubricant eye drops. This product is distributed only in the United States, including Puerto Rico. No other formulations of Systane® lubricant eye drops are included in this recall. This voluntary recall is in response to 11 consumer reports citing the presence of foreign material. Alcon has distributed over 5 million bottles of Systane® Free LIQUID GEL since its introduction in January 2006.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

Retailers, distributors, customers and consumers can identify if their bottles are subject to the recall by locating the words "Free" and "LIQUID GEL" on the product box or bottle. If these words are not on the bottle or box, the product is safe for use and is not subject to this recall. The picture provided shows where these words are found on the bottle and box.

4. Manufacturer/Establishment Number:

Alcon Laboratories, Inc.

Fort Worth, Texas

5. DISTRIBUTION: Worldwide

6. REASON FOR RECALL: Foreign Material

7. INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 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 for replacement and/or credit.

7. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is CW4 Ramona Martin, Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2905, Commercial (215) 737-2905, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526

Any individual or office that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to Ramona.Martin@dla.mil.

Previous recalls and frequently asked questions are available at the following web site:

<http://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/proserv/alfood/afamess.htm>

The navigation tool to the left allows you to view DSCP Alerts and Archived Vendor Recalls also.

Very Respectfully,

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