

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 005-2006: Mead Johnson GENTLEASE Powdered Infant Formula containing metal particles

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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/opacom/Enforce.html>

2. BACKGROUND:

Mead Johnson informed the FDA of metal particles in the infant formula. FDA and Mead Johnson are currently investigating the cause of the metal particles found in the infant formula in this highly unusual incident.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

GENTLEASE powdered infant formula. The affected products can be identified by the lot number and expiration/use by date embossed on the bottom of the can of BMJ19, use by 1 Jul 07. 24-ounce cans

4. DISTRIBUTION: United States

5. RECALL CLASSIFICATION: Class I

6. QUANTITY RECALLED: 41,464 cans

7. REASON FOR RECALL: This lot was found to contain metal particles, consisting of up to 2.7 millimeter in size.

8. 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.

9. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is CW3 Ramona Gould, Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-8461, Commercial (215) 737-8461, 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.Gould@dla.mil.

Very Respectfully,

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