

**SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 007-2006: New Jersey Firm Recalls Lipton® Chicken Noodle Soup Product Due To Undeclared Allergen**

**Date Issued: March 16, 2006**

**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.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_010\\_2006\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_010_2006_Release/index.asp)

**2. BACKGROUND:**

The problem was discovered following a consumer complaint. FSIS has received no reports of illness due to consumption of these products. Unilever United States, Inc., of Englewood Cliffs, N.J., is voluntarily recalling chicken noodle soup due to an undeclared allergen (milk protein).

**FOOD ALLERGIES:**

Consumers who have a food allergy, or severe food sensitivity, should always read ingredient labels. In restaurants, they should ask whether an allergy-causing ingredient is in the food.

A food allergy occurs when the immune system reacts to a certain food, usually within minutes after the food has been consumed.

Symptoms may include throat swelling, breathing trouble or a rash.

Strictly avoiding the allergy-causing food is the only absolute way to avoid a reaction.

Several foods account for 90% of allergic reactions. They include peanuts, tree nuts (walnuts, pecans, etc.), fish, shellfish, eggs, milk, soy, and wheat.

Persons who have a severe, life-threatening food allergy should always carry, and know how to administer, prescription epinephrine.

**3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:**

The following product is subject to recall:

- 4.2 ounce boxes of "LIPTON® NOODLE SOUP-CHICKEN NOODLE with diced white chicken meat." Each label includes the establishment number, "P-18569" inside the USDA mark of inspection. Each label also includes one of the following best if used by dates: "APR 27 07," "APR 28 07," "APR 29 07," "MAY 02 07," "MAY 03 07," "MAY 04 07" or "MAY 05 07." Each shipping case bears the code "4100000332." Each box bears the code "413320."

**4. DISTRIBUTION:** United States

**5. RECALL CLASSIFICATION:** Class I

**6. QUANTITY RECALLED:** Approximately 36,560 pounds

7. **REASON FOR RECALL:** Chicken noodle soup is being recalled due to an undeclared allergen (milk protein).

**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 [CW4 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](mailto:Ramona.Gould@dla.mil).

Very Respectfully,

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