

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP) Consumer Safety Office (CSO) is releasing the following notice. If warranted, the CSO will initiate an ALFOODACT.

At this time we cannot exclude the DOD as a customer of products associated with subject recall. We are currently investigating to determine the extent and location of product under recall.

SUBJECT: DSCP Alert 015-2006, Birds Eye Foods Is Voluntarily Recalling Frozen Cooked Winter Squash Due To Potential Contamination

DSCP Issue Date: 21 November 2006

Recall -- Firm Press Release

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Birds Eye Foods Is Voluntarily Recalling Frozen Cooked Winter Squash Due To Potential Contamination

Contact:

Birds Eye Foods
1-800-807-8817

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- November 17, 2006 -- Birds Eye Foods is voluntarily recalling frozen Cooked Winter Squash packed in a 12-oz. carton, under certain store brands, and the Birds Eye brand, which have an eight digit code beginning with one of the following characters: "5CF," "5JE" or "6JE," because some of the products were tainted with ammonia. After receiving consumer complaints -- fewer than a dozen -- about the squash, Birds Eye Foods initiated its established investigative process, including the involvement of a third party laboratory. On Friday, November 17, that independent lab confirmed a problem with one store brand product. Therefore, as a precautionary measure, Birds Eye Foods is voluntarily recalling all the squash product codes mentioned while it works closely with the appropriate agencies to resolve the issue. No other Birds Eye Foods products are involved.

"We will not take risks with our consumers," said Neil Harrison, Birds Eye Foods chairman, president and CEO. "Our primary concern is their health and welfare, and while we investigate the extent of the problem, it is in their best interest that we immediately recall the products." The presence of ammonia may cause headache, nausea, vomiting, and irritation of the throat. Consumers are advised not to consume the product but to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund.

The Birds Eye brand frozen Cooked Winter Squash codes in question as well as store brand labels are distributed nationally. In total, these brand and store brand products represent approximately three million packages sold.

The Cooked Winter Squash was produced by a third party, Chase Farms, located in Walkerville, Mich., which has ceased production and distribution for Birds Eye Foods while it continues to investigate the problem. "Like Birds Eye Foods," said Michael Chase, president of Chase Farms, "we see consumer safety as the most important part of our business. We will be working diligently to determine the cause of the issue and to assure it does not happen again."

The brands and UPC codes included in the Cooked Squash recall are:

Birds Eye, UPC 014500005168;
Stop & Shop, UPC 688267009723;
Shaw, UPC 045674504829;
Price Chopper, UPC 041735303462;
Lafe, UPC 023545071755;
Shurfine, UPC 015400830621;
Hannaford, UPC 041268111459;
Flavorite, UPC 041130542541;
Market Basket, UPC 049705630402;
Wegmans, UPC 077890800874;
Giant, UPC 688267009723;
Tops, UPC 688267009723;
Safeway, UPC 021130090372;
IGA, UPC 041270497640;
Roundy's UPC 011150548304;
Remarkable, UPC 755566308618; and
Dominicks, UPC 038281906285.
Consumers with questions may call: 800-807-8817.

DSCP INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) Secure in a "Medical Hold" status to provide assurance of no further issue/sale/use of the item.

(2) Return recalled product to manufacturer through the appropriate distribution channels.

(3) Report positive findings to the Consumer Safety Officer at Ramona.Martin@dla.mil.

(4) The Point Of Contact for this Recall notice 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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