

**SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 043-2007 - Novartis Consumer Health, Inc. voluntarily withdraws Triaminic® infant cough and cold products as precautionary measure to avoid consumer misuse**

**Date Issued: October 12, 2007**

**1. REFERENCES:**

- 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.triaminic.com/us\\_en/notice.shtml#](http://www.triaminic.com/us_en/notice.shtml#)

**2. BACKGROUND:**

Novartis Consumer Health, Inc. is conducting a voluntary withdrawal as part of an industry-wide initiative of its two infant cough and cold products. The makers of infant cough and cold products marketed in the US are acting together to take this precautionary measure to avoid potential misuse of these products, including unintentional overdose, in infants under age two.

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

**View Labels:**

[http://www.triaminic.com/us\\_en/notice.shtml](http://www.triaminic.com/us_en/notice.shtml)

**Product:**

- Triaminic® Infant & Toddler Thin Strips® Decongestant
- Triaminic® Infant & Toddler Thin Strips® Decongestant Plus Cough

This withdrawal does not affect any other Triaminic or Triaminic Thin Strips products.

**4. Manufacturer/Establishment Number:**

Novartis Consumer Health, Inc.

**5. DISTRIBUTION:** Worldwide

**6. REASON FOR RECALL:** Labeling (Potential misuse by consumer)

**7. INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:**

- a. 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. POSITIVE FINDINGS should be reported to Accountable Officers/Vendor Representatives of that facility. Accountable Officer/Agency Representatives should seek refund/credit/replacement through the normal distribution channel with which the product was received (i.e. Distribution Centers, Prime Vendors, Manufacturers).
- b. 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. In order to get credit please use a SF 364 and forward to your supporting FISC and copy furnished to NAVSUP 51. Your supporting FISC should forward to the account manager at DSCP.

The form should include the number of the recall authorizing the survey action. Home ported ships/gallies will utilize DD form 1149 to transfer w/ reimbursement to the PV. The PV will submit credit invoice to the account manager at DSCP.

c. Unless otherwise specified above, POSITIVE and NEGATIVE RESPONSES directly to DSCP Consumer Safety Officer (CSO) are NOT required.

d. When corresponding with DSCP concerning this message please include this message's subject in your subject line.

**8. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT** message is CW4 Ramona Hemphill, 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.Hemphill@dla.mil](mailto:Ramona.Hemphill@dla.mil).

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

<https://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/fso/alfood/alfood.asp>

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

Very Respectfully,

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