

ALFOODACT 022-2008 Sprouters Northwest, Inc. Recalls Alfalfa Sprout Products Because of Possible Health Concern

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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.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/sprouters09_08.html

d. AskKaren: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/food%5Fsafety%5Feducation/ask%5Fkaren/#Question>

f. FACT SHEET: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~mow/chap1.html>

2. BACKGROUND:

Sprouters Northwest, Inc. of Kent, Washington is recalling its alfalfa sprout products (alfalfa sprouts, onion sprouts, and salad sprouts) because they may be linked to a recent outbreak of Salmonellosis in Oregon and Washington State. To date, 13 cases of Salmonella Typhimurium infection have been associated with the consumption of raw alfalfa sprouts. The recalled sprouts were distributed in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska in retail stores and through wholesale produce suppliers.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

View Label: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/photos/sprouters09_08.html

The following products are subject to recall:

The products are Sprouters Northwest brand and include all lot numbers with a best by date of 9/17/08 or earlier of:

- 5oz alfalfa sprout cups UPC – 033383701417
- 4oz alfalfa clamshells UPC-815098001088
- 1lb bags of alfalfa sprouts UPC – 079566123508
- 2lb trays of alfalfa sprouts UPC – 079566123492
- 5oz salad cups UPC – 033383702674
- 4oz salad clamshells UPC – 815098002061
- 5oz alfalfa onion sprout cups UPC – 033383701905
- 4oz onion sprout clamshells UPC – 815098002054

4. Manufacturer/Distributor
Sprouters Northwest, Inc.
Kent, Washington 98032

5. DISTRIBUTION: Nationwide

6. REASON FOR ACTION: Salmonella Typhimurium

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/Buyers/Contracting Officers 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: 444-2922, Commercial (215) 737-2922, 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 dscpconssafofc@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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