

ALFOODACT 010-2009 Ready Pac Foods, Inc Announces Voluntary Product Recall

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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. AskKaren: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/food%5Fsafety%5Feducation/ask%5Fkaren/#Question>
- d. Salmonella Fact Sheet: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~mow/chap1.html>
- e. FDA Posting: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/readypac01_09.html

2. BACKGROUND:

After receiving notification from one of its suppliers, Ready Pac Foods, Inc. is announcing that they are initiating a voluntary recall of certain products containing peanut butter that may have been contaminated with Salmonella. These products have been distributed to different retailers in the states of California, Utah, Illinois, Washington, Texas, New Jersey, Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maryland. This recall is part of a nationwide recall initiated by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). Ready Pac has earned an outstanding food safety record for over 40 years and out of an abundance of caution has taken this immediate action in the interest of public health and safety. We notified all of our customers who have received the products in question and directed them to remove products from their shelves. Neither Ready Pac nor its customers have received any reports of illness connected to any of these products.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

Anyone who has purchased the following products with the expiration dates listed should dispose of the product or return the product to the store for a full refund. No other products are impacted in this recall.

- Ready Pac Cool Cuts Celery with Peanut Butter 12/6.75 oz

By Dates of 12/27/08 to 2/2/09 and UPC: 077745-22415-2

- Eating Right Apples with Peanut Butter 12/6.75 oz

By Dates of 12/27/08 to 2/2/09 and UPC: 0-79893-70175-2

- Eating Right Celery with Peanut Butter 12/6.75 oz

By Dates of 12/27/08 to 2/2/09 and UPC: 0-79893-70172-1

4. Manufacturer/Distributor

Ready Pac Foods, Inc.
IRWINDALE, CA

5. DISTRIBUTION: Nationwide

6. REASON FOR ACTION: Salmonella

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 and return to vendor when feasible. 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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