

Subject: ALFOODACT 125-2009 Update To ALFOODACT 116-2009 Sprout Advisory: Consumers Should Not Eat Any Raw Alfalfa Sprouts, Including Sprout Blends Containing Alfalfa Sprouts

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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).

2. BACKGROUND:

On 27 April 2009 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended that consumers not eat raw alfalfa sprouts, including sprout blends containing alfalfa sprouts, until further notice because the product has been linked to Salmonella serotype Saint Paul contamination.

On 18 May 2009 the FDA issued the following update: The sprouts were grown by multiple sprouters across the country. The seeds originally came from Italy. The seeds were initially distributed in 50-pound white bags that are either paper or woven from a synthetic material. The lot numbers in question begin with "032," followed by a hyphen and three more digits. The bags carry a computer-generated white or yellow label, on which is printed "Distributed by Caudill Seed Company, 1402 W. Main St., Louisville KY 40203" and the lot number.

FDA has no evidence that alfalfa seeds from other seed lots, or sprouts grown from them, are involved in this salmonellosis outbreak. However, if you plan to buy alfalfa seeds or buy or eat products that contain raw or lightly cooked alfalfa sprouts, including sprout blends, verify that the product did NOT originally come from a seed lot beginning with the numbers "032."

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

ALL raw alfalfa sprouts, including sprout blends containing alfalfa sprouts produced from seed lot number 032-XXX.

NOTE: The above is the seed lot number. Numbers found on wholesale/retail packages do not reflect the seed lots from which the product was grown. The absence of a number starting with "032" on a package of alfalfa sprouts is not a reliable indicator that the sprouts are not associated with the implicated seeds.

4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

All manufacturers/distributors of alfalfa sprouts grown from seeds distributed by Caudill Seed Company, 1402 W. Main St., Louisville KY 40203 with a lot number beginning with "032," followed by a hyphen and three more digits (i.e. 032-XXX).

5. DISTRIBUTION: Nationwide

6. REASON FOR ACTION: Update of consumer advisory.

7. INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:

a. Accountable officers, contracting officers should require suppliers to verify the alfalfa sprouts or seeds being provided do not come from the affected seed lot before buying or serving them. Recommend a certificate of conformance accompany all shipments of raw alfalfa sprouts/sprout blends indicating the product is not produced from the contaminated seed lot. All products placed on Medical Hold as a result of ALFOODACT 116-2009 should have been disposed of as stated in the "Instructions and additional information for message recipients."

b. 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 MAJ Dwayne Overby, Command Liaison Officer at DSCP-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2934, Commercial (215) 737-2934, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526.

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