

**Subject: ALFOODACT 128-2009 FDA Warns Consumers Not to Eat Nestle Toll House Prepackaged, Refrigerated Cookie Dough**

**Date Issued: June 20, 2009**

**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. FDA posting: <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm167908.htm>
- d. Product website:  
<http://www.nestleusa.com/PubNews/PressReleaseLibraryDetails.aspx?id=133CC131-A79F-4E84-9C43-C9F99FE5BC99>

**2. BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are warning consumers not to eat any varieties of prepackaged Nestle Toll House refrigerated cookie dough due to the risk of contamination with E. coli O157:H7 (a bacterium that causes food borne illness).

The FDA advises that if consumers have any prepackaged, refrigerated Nestle Toll House cookie dough products in their home that they throw them away. Cooking the dough is not recommended because consumers might get the bacteria on their hands and on other cooking surfaces.

Retailers, restaurateurs, and personnel at other food-service operations should not sell or serve any Nestle Toll House prepackaged, refrigerated cookie dough products subject to the recall.

Nestle USA, which manufactures and markets the Toll House cookie dough, is fully cooperating with the ongoing investigation by the FDA and CDC. The warning is based on an ongoing epidemiological study conducted by the CDC and several state and local health departments. Since March 2009 there have been 66 reports of illness across 28 states. Twenty-five persons were hospitalized; 7 with a severe complication called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). No one has died.

E. coli O157:H7 causes abdominal cramping, vomiting and a diarrheal illness, often with bloody stools. Most healthy adults can recover completely within a week. Young children and the elderly are at highest risk for developing HUS, which can lead to serious kidney damage and even death.

Individuals who have recently eaten prepackaged, refrigerated Toll House cookie dough and have experienced any of these symptoms should contact their doctor or health care provider immediately. Any such illnesses should be reported to state or local health authorities.

The FDA reminds consumers they should not eat raw food products that are intended for cooking or baking before consumption. Consumers should use safe food-handling practices when preparing such products, including following package directions for cooking at proper temperatures; washing hands, surfaces, and utensils after contact with these types of products; avoiding cross contamination; and refrigerating products properly.

### 3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

View label: <http://www.nestleusa.com/PubNews/PressReleaseLibraryDetails.aspx?id=133CC131-A79F-4E84-9C43-C9F99FE5BC99>

#### Product//UPC

##### COOKIE & BROWNIE DOUGH BAR

Chocolate Chip bar 16.5oz// 0 50000 62231 3  
Chocolate Chip bar 16.5oz //0 50000 11308 8  
Chocolate Chunk bar 16.5oz //0 50000 62235 1  
Walnut Chocolate Chip bar 16.5oz //0 50000 62233 7  
Jumbo Chocolate Chip bar 16.5oz// 0 50000 62237 5  
Oatmeal Raisin bar 16.5oz// 0 50000 06219 5  
Sugar Cookies bar 16.5oz //0 50000 62244 3  
Sugar Cookies bar 16.5oz //0 5000012178 6  
Mini Chocolate Chip bar 16.5oz// 0 50000 62242 9  
Mini Chocolate Chip bar 16.5oz //0 5000012188 5  
Mini Brownie Bites bar 16oz// 0 50000 62227 6  
Fudgy Brownie With Peanut Butter Filling 19oz// 0 50000 00820 9

##### COOKIE DOUGH TUB

Chocolate Chip tub 40oz// 0 50000 62246 7  
Chocolate Chip tub 80oz (5 lb)// 0 50000 00934 3  
Sugar tub 40oz.// 0 50000 62253 5  
Gingerbread tub 40oz// 0 50000 44060 3  
Peanut Butter tub 40oz //0 50000 44062 7

##### TUBE (CHUB) DOUGH

Chocolate Chip tube 32oz// 0 50000 00400 3  
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##### ULTIMATES COOKIE BAR DOUGH

Ultimates Peanut Butter Cups, Chips & Chocolate Chunks bar 16oz// 0 50000 00922 0  
Ultimates White Chip Macadamia Nut bar 16oz// 0 50000 00923 7  
Ultimates Chocolate Chip & Chunks with Pecans bar 16oz// 0 50000 00925 1  
Ultimates Chocolate Chip Lovers 16oz// 0 50000 00926 8  
Ultimates Turtles bar 16oz// 0 50000 00928 2  
Ultimates Peanut Butter Lovers bar 16oz// 0 50000 00507 9  
Ultimates Chocolate Chip with Caramel Filling bar 16oz// 0 50000 44066 5  
Ultimates Chocolate Chip with Chocolate Filling bar 16oz// 0 50000 44069 6

##### SEASONAL COOKIE & BROWNIE DOUGH

Valentine Hearts Sugar Cookie Shapes 15.5oz// 0 50000 12009 3  
Valentine Swirled Chocolate Chip bar 16oz// 0 50000 00931 2  
Fudgy Brownies With Raspberry Filling 19oz //0 50000 20090 0  
Easter Eggs Sugar Cookie Shapes 15.5oz// 0 50000 52009 1  
Easter Swirled Chocolate Chip bar 16oz// 0 50000 00932 9  
Easter Swirled Mini Brownie Bites bar 18 oz// 0 50000 20093 1  
Red, White & Blue Swirled Choc Chip bar 16oz// 0 50000 00937 4  
Halloween Pumpkin Pals Sugar Cookies 13.5oz// 0 50000 06217 1  
Halloween Swirled Chocolate Chip bar 16oz// 0 50000 00929 9  
Halloween Swirled Fudgy Brownies bar 18oz// 0 50000 00088 3  
Christmas Shapes Sugar Cookies 15.5oz// 0 50000 00505 5  
Christmas Swirled Chocolate Chip bar 16oz// 0 50000 00930 5  
Christmas Swirled Fudgy Brownies bar 18oz// 0 50000 00089 0  
Limited Edition Mint Swirled Chocolate Chip 16oz// 0 50000 00827 8

#### Discontinued Varieties

Valentine Hearts Sugar Cookies 13.5oz// 0 50000 44056 6

Easter Brownie Bar 18oz// 0 50000 00518 5

Easter Bunnies Sugar Cookies 13.5oz// 0 50000 44058 0

Halloween Sugar Shapes 15.5oz// 0 50000 00829 2

Christmas Sugar Cookie Tube 16oz// 0 50000 00448 5

Oatmeal Cranberry Cookie Tub 48 oz.// 0 50000 62229 0

#### **4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:**

Nestle USA  
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Plymouth, PA 18651

**5. DISTRIBUTION:** Nationwide. This product is reportedly found in the Commissary system.

**6. REASON FOR ACTION:** E. coli O157:H7

#### **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. 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. Except for Prime Vendors, POSITIVE and NEGATIVE RESPONSES directly to DSCP Consumer Safety Officer (CSO) are NOT required. Prime Vendors should report finding to their assigned Contracting Officer and courtesy copy the Consumer Safety Officer ([dscpconssafofc@dla.mil](mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil)). Other agencies such as DeCA, AAFES, MWR, VA, MCCS, etc. should report POSITIVE and NEGATIVE responses to their agencies recall coordinator.

d. DSCP will not issue further updates or product expansion information. Further information and any future update or product expansion on Nutro Products recalls related to this incident may be found at references c and d.

e. 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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<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.

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