

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 139-2009 Operational Rations Dairyshake Powders; update to ALFOODACT 130-2009 and 131-2009; notification of website.

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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. ALFOODACT 130-2009. Do Not Consume MRE and UGR-E Dairy Shake powder, Fortified with Calcium and Vitamin D until further notice. Date Issued: June 26, 2009.
- d. ALFOODACT 131-2009 Update to and Expansion of ALFOODACT 130-2009 Do Not Consume MRE and UGR-E Dairy Shake powder. Date Issued: July 01, 2009

2. BACKGROUND: Plainview Milk Products Cooperative (MPC), Plainview, MN. voluntarily issued a recall of instant non-fat dried milk (NFDM) products produced between June 2007 and June 2009 made on equipment found to contain Salmonella during an FDA investigation of the facility. NFDM from Plainview MPC was used to produce some lots of "Dairyshake Powder, Fortified with Calcium and Vitamin D" that were assembled in some lots of MRE, UGR-E, and TOTEM rations. Following consultation with the FDA and confirming operational rations Dairyshakes were affected by the Plainview MPC recall, DSCP issued ALFOODACT 130-2009 to ensure no Dairyshakes would be consumed pending specific lot identification. Due to the extensive nature of potential adulteration, worldwide distribution, and war fighters' immediate need for operational rations, DSCP issued ALFOODACT 131-2009 with a single date of pack (DOP)/lot number cutoff for MRE and UGR-E rations. DSCP, in conjunction with the DoD Veterinary Service Agency/Office of the Surgeon General, determined the Plainview MPC NFDM recall be expanded to include all MRE Dairyshakes assembled from 1 January 2006 to 30 June 2009 to ensure the safety of war fighters and other customers around the world. Testing and quality control protocols are stringent for operational ration components and there are no known incidents of illness from consuming the operational ration Dairyshake Powder. However, the intermittent nature of potential adulteration makes it prudent to expand the recall period and provide our war fighters and other customers with only safe and wholesome products. DSCP will rework MRE under DLA control; reworked lots will maintain the original DOP/lot number; reworked lots will have an "R" placed on the case following the original DOP/lot number.

This ALFOODACT provides an operational ration Dairyshake status update and information/instructions for the DSCP [OPERATIONAL RATIONS, DAIRYSHAKE POWDER, INFORMATION PAGE](#) website.

3. Affected products:

MRE, UGR-E, and TOTM meals, as specified below, containing:
Dairyshake Powder, Chocolate, Fortified with Calcium and Vitamin D
Dairyshake Powder, Vanilla, Fortified with Calcium and Vitamin D
Dairyshake Powder, Strawberry, Fortified with Calcium and Vitamin D

Dairyshake Powder, Strawberry-Banana, Fortified with Calcium and Vitamin D

4. Ration/Ration Assembler/Contract Numbers/Identifying Codes:
MEALS, READY-TO-EAT, INDIVIDUAL (MRE):

Ameriquel Packaging, Evansville, IN 47710.
NSN 8970-00-149-1094.
Meals, Ready-to-Eat, Individual.
All Contract Numbers.

SOPAKO Packaging, Mullins, SC 29574-1047.
NSN 8970-00-149-1094.
Meals, Ready-to-Eat, Individual.
All Contract Numbers.

The Wornick Company, Cincinnati, OH 45242.
(Affected lots may also have address as McAllen, TX)
NSN 8970-00-149-1094.
Meals, Ready-to-Eat, Individual.
All Contract Numbers.

Dates of pack (DOP)/lot numbers of, and including, 9140 and newer do not contain the potentially adulterated Dairyshakes and are safe to consume.

DSCP has identified MRE lots from all assemblers that ARE NOT AFFECTED by the Dairyshake do not consume order, see paragraph 7.

Consumers/end users unaware or unsure if a specific assembler's DOP/lot number has been cleared by DSCP should continue to follow the "Do Not Consume Order" for MRE Dairyshakes in any MRE with a DOP/lot number prior to, and including, 9139. All other components of the MRE are consumable and should not be discarded/destroyed.

DLA will release lots with a DOP/lot number of 9139, or earlier, that are safe to consume. At a minimum, these lots will be marked at the pallet level and shipping documents will indicate the dairyshakes are safe to consume. You may confirm the assemblers' DOP/lot number on the DSCP [OPERATIONAL RATIONS, DAIRYSHAKE POWDER, INFORMATION PAGE](#) website

DO NOT remove affected menus from MRE cases prior to issuing. Units WILL NOT receive credit for the return of these menus.

DSCP does not recommend removal of the affected Dairyshakes at any point above the consumer/end user level.

Consumers/end users should remove and destroy the Dairyshake Powder in a manner to ensure it will not be accidentally consumed. A simple destruction method is to open the Dairyshake pouch and pour contents into the trash. The remainder of the MRE/UGR-E/TOTM menu is consumable and should not be discarded/destroyed.

UNITIZED GROUP RATION – EXPRESS (UGR-E):

No change to information provided in ALFOODACT 131-2009.

All dairyshake powders in UGR-E menus with dates of pack (DOP)/lot numbers prior to and including 9181 are subject to the DO NOT CONSUME ORDER.

All UGR-E menus with dates of pack (DOP)/lot numbers of, and including, 9182 and newer do not contain the potentially adulterated dairyshake powders and are safe to consume.

DLA may release lots with a DOP of 9181 or earlier that are safe to consume. At a minimum, these lots will be marked at the pallet level and shipping documents

will indicate "NOTICE: DSCP has certified the dairyshakes contained in this pallet assembled by DDJC-Tracy with a DOP of (XXXX) are safe to consume. This notice shall remain attached to these rations until exhausted." In any situation where a consumer/end user does not have or is not aware of this certification the DO NOT CONSUME ORDER remains in effect.

MEAL, TAILORED, OPERATIONAL TRAINING (TOTM):

No change to information provided in ALFOODACT 131-2009.
TOTM have less than 24 month shelf life.
No additional dates of pack (DOP)/lot numbers identified.

5. DISTRIBUTION: DoD wide.

6. REASON FOR ACTION: Potentially adulterated with Salmonella sp..

7. INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:

a. DSCP has established an "[OPERATIONAL RATIONS, DAIRYSHAKE POWDER, INFORMATION PAGE](#)" to post assemblers' dates of pack (DOP)/lot numbers that ARE NOT AFFECTED by the do not consume order. Links to the web page are also available on the [DSCP Subsistence Main Page](#) and the [DSCP Food Safety Office Main Page](#). DSCP encourages Services/Agencies to establish links to this site to increase dissemination of information.

b. DSCP has determined the assemblers' dates of pack (DOP)/lot numbers listed on the "[OPERATIONAL RATIONS, DAIRYSHAKE POWDER, INFORMATION PAGE](#)" are NOT AFFECTED by the Dairyshake do not consume order. The database lists MRE assemblers alphabetically with that assemblers DOP/lot numbers (a Julian date) listed numerically. DSCP is providing this information to assist consumers/customers in determining if MRE stocks on hand are affected by the Dairyshake "Do Not Consume Order" as established in ALFOODACT 130-2009 and 131-2009. Shipments from DLA depots that have been cleared should arrive with placards on each pallet. MRE with DOP/lot number 9140 and higher, do not contain affected Dairyshake Powders and will not be listed. As DSCP issues reworked lots, the original lot code will be followed by an "R" to read "XXXX R".

c. How to use the DSCP [OPERATIONAL RATIONS, DAIRYSHAKE POWDER, INFORMATION PAGE](#):

1. Determine the MRE assembler: Ameriqua, SOPACO, or Wornick. Photos are provided on the website via a hyperlink.
2. Determine the date of pack (DOP)/lot number. The lot number represents the Julian date the MRE was packed. Photos are provided on the website via a hyperlink.
3. If MREs on hand match BOTH the assembler and DOP/lot number the Dairyshake is safe to consume and you may print a placard to mark that specific lot.
4. Click the "print placard" link for your specific lot; recommend you set your printer to print "landscape".
5. The placard will print with the specific assembler's name and DOP/lot number you selected.

6. Attach the placard to the MRE pallet/case that matches the assembler's name and DOP/lot number. The printable placards are assembler DOP/lot number specific; do not use for any other assemblers or any other DOP/lot number.

d. Requirements to enter the DSCP [OPERATIONAL RATIONS, DAIRYSHAKE POWDER, INFORMATION PAGE](#). The site is open to all personnel, without registration or password requirements; however, users are required to check a box prior to viewing the MRE database. By checking the box and entering the site users acknowledge they have read and understand the following information:

1. If an MRE assembler's DOP/lot number IS NOT listed AND the MRE lot number is 9139 or earlier, the "DO NOT CONSUME ORDER" remains applicable—do not consume the Dairyshake.

2. This web site is dynamic, as unaffected assembler lots are identified they will be posted.

3. The printable placards are assembler DOP/lot number specific; do not use for any other assemblers or any other DOP/lot numbers.

4. MRE lots reworked to remove affected Dairyshakes will have an "R" following the original lot number (XXXX R). Reworked lot numbers will not be listed on this site.

5. Shipments from DLA depots that have been cleared should arrive with placards on each pallet.

6. MRE with DOP/lot number 9140 and later do not contain affected Dairyshake Powders and will not be listed on this site.

e. DSCP strongly recommends this message and information about the [OPERATIONAL RATIONS, DAIRYSHAKE POWDER, INFORMATION PAGE](#) be disseminated as widely as possible through command channels to all levels.

f. DSCP contracting officers will provide instructions, under separate cover, to DLA Depots concerning rework of stocks on hand. Affected stocks that are reworked shall be clearly marked to readily identify them as having been reworked and no longer subject to this recall. The use of a single DOP to determine consume/do not consume for each ration is being used to simplify the review process in the field. Pending further investigation and rework of potentially affected lots DLA may release lots with an earlier DOP that are safe to consume. At a minimum, these lots will be marked at the pallet level and shipping documents will indicate "NOTICE: DSCP has certified the Dairyshakes contained in this pallet assembled by (name of assembler) with a DOP of (XXXX) are safe to consume. This notice shall remain attached to these rations until exhausted." In any situation where a Service member does not have or is not aware of this certification the DO NOT CONSUME ORDER remains in effect.

g. Services/Agencies may publish additional guidance/policies relative to management of Service/Agency owned rations.

h. No Service/Agency is authorized to issue any guidance/policy that allows consumption of potentially affected Dairyshakes.

i. DeCA recipients should follow DeCA guidance/policies.

j. This ALFOODACT will remain in effect until all existing stocks of the affected rations are exhausted.

k. POSITIVE and NEGATIVE RESPONSES to the DSCP Consumer Safety Officer (CSO) are NOT, repeat NOT, required.

l. 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 COL John C. Smith, Food Safety Officer, at DSCP-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-8461, Commercial (215) 737-8461, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7361, or Commercial, (215) 737-7361; email: dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

Any individual or office that would like to receive recall messages electronically may forward their email address to dscpconssafofc@dla.mil with "add to list" in the subject line. To be removed from the list place "remove from list" in the subject line.

Previous recalls and frequently asked questions are available on the DSCP web site at <http://www.troopsupport.dla.mil/subs/fso/alfood/alfood.asp>