

ALFOODACT 017-2009 SOPAKCO, Inc. Announces a Nationwide Recall of Certain SURE-PAK 12 Meals Containing Peanut Butter Products

Date Issued: January 28, 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. 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/sopakco01_09.html

2. BACKGROUND:

SOPAKCO, Inc., of Mullins, South Carolina, is voluntarily recalling certain Sure-Pak 12 Meals because peanut butter packages in the Meals may have the

potential to be contaminated with Salmonella.

This recall follows the announcement of recent recalls by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) and Boca Grande Foods Inc. indicating peanut products from PCA

have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. Boca Grande Foods manufactured peanut butter with peanut paste from PCA, and supplied sealed peanut

butter packages to SOPAKCO. The Sure-Pak 12 Meals with the lot numbers listed below contain 1 oz. or 2 oz. packages of peanut butter recalled by Boca Grande

Foods. The recalled Sure-Pak 12 Meals were sold by SOPAKCO to distributors and customers nationwide and several foreign countries. Some of the Sure-Pak 12

Meals were sold at stores specializing in emergency preparedness and camping gear and rations. SOPAKCO is not aware of any reported illnesses involving Sure-Pak 12 Meals.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

FEMA inventory should be verified.

SOPAKCO is recalling Sure-Pak 12 Meals with the following lot numbers (located on the cases of product):

- 8261
- 8278
- 8285
- 8287
- 8294
- 8320
- 8322
- 8330
- 8350
- 8357
- 8358
- 9003
- 9012

Customers are asked to take all Sure-Pak 12 Meals manufactured with the lot numbers listed above out of distribution immediately. This recall does not

affect any other products or lot numbers made by SOPAKCO. Other lots of Sure-Pak 12 Meals may contain peanut butter packages, including 1.12 oz. packages

from Boca Grande Foods; however, peanut butter packages in those Sure-Pak 12 Meals were obtained from sources which have not been linked to any Salmonella

contamination.

4. Manufacturer/Distributor

SOPAKCO, Inc.
Mullins, SC

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,
Mrs. Ramona Hemphill
CW4 Ramona Hemphill
Consumer Safety Officer, DSCP
Food Safety Office
DSN: 444-2922
Voice: (215) 737-2922
Fax: (215) 737-7526