

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 034-2009 Phillips Mushroom Farms Recalls Enoki Mushrooms Because of Possible Health Risk

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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. Listeria monocytogenes Fact Sheet: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~mow/chap6.html>
- e. Phillips Mushroom Farms Posting: <http://www.phillipsmushroomfarms.com/EnokiRecall09.pdf>

2. BACKGROUND:

Phillips Mushroom Farms, of Kennett Square, PA is recalling 3.5 oz, 4 oz and 1 lb packages of enoki mushrooms, because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The enoki mushrooms were distributed in the United States and Canada through retail and food service channels,

No other mushroom products under any label are associated with this action. The recall was the result of testing on a single sample of finished product taken during a routine product evaluation. The company immediately ceased distribution of the product upon notification of the test result and the company continues its investigation as to what caused the problem.

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3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

The mushrooms were packed in clear plastic bags with blue, green or red graphics panels, plastic tills with overwrap film, or 1 lb bags for food service. The product is packaged under various brand names, and sold between 1/13/09 and 1/30/09.

The product may be identified by the following labels and UPC's:

PMF 3.5oz green bag	UPC 33383 67540
Phillips Enoki 3.5oz blue bag	UPC 33383 67540
Phillips Enoki 1lb bulk bag	Food Service Distribution only
Mr. Mushroom 4oz Red & Green bags	UPC 33383 67543

The following 3.5oz overwrapped packages are being recalled:

Phillips Enoki	UPC 33383 67541
Organic Phillips Enoki	UPC 21706 67363
Publix Enoki	UPC 41415 03186
Giorgio Enoki	UPC 33383 67451
Moonlight Enoki	UPC 33383 67540
Pennsylvania Dutchman Enoki	UPC 33383 67451

Fresh Obsession
Country Fresh Enoki
Monterey Gourmet Enoki
Elite Enoki

UPC 69200 00916
UPC 33383 67541
UPC 37102 67820
UPC 34635 41866

4. Manufacturer/Distributor

Phillips Mushroom Farms, L.P.
124 Old Kennett Road
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania 19348-2632

5. DISTRIBUTION: Nationwide

6. REASON FOR ACTION: Listeria monocytogenes

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, etc.).

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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