

ALFOODACT 037-2009 - Atkins(TM) Nutritionals Participates in Voluntary Peanut Recall

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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. Salmonella Fact Sheet: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~mow/chap1.html>
- e. Atkins Nutritionals Inc. Posting: <http://www.atkins.com/Atkins-home.html>

2. BACKGROUND:

On January 20, Atkins Nutritionals, Inc. (Atkins) announced that none of its products were affected by the widely publicized recall of peanut butter and peanut paste processed at the Blakely, Georgia facility of Peanut Corporation of America (PCA), and linked to an outbreak of Salmonella related complaints and illnesses. On January 28, 2009, PCA unexpectedly expanded its voluntary recall to include all peanuts and peanut products processed at its Georgia facility. Although Atkins products contain no peanut butter or peanut paste sourced from PCA, four Atkins products do contain granulated peanuts, or peanut pieces, sourced from PCA's Georgia facility. As a result of PCA's expanded recall, Atkins has determined to voluntarily recall these four Atkins products out of an abundance of caution because they contain granulated peanuts recalled by PCA. While Atkins has determined to voluntarily participate in this recall, purely as a precautionary measure, out of concern for our consumers and retail customers, we are confident all our products are safe. Atkins requires extensive laboratory testing of all ingredients used in every Atkins product, and our finished products are also rigorously tested. As a result of Atkins' food safety protocols, and the extensive laboratory testing on all Atkins products, no Salmonella contamination has been found in any of the Atkins products subject to this recall, but the Company is taking this step to assure our consumers that food safety is our highest priority.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

The following 4 products are included in the recall. Only bars with wrappers that have the following BEST BY DATE* on them, in all sizes and packages, are being recalled:

- Advantage Chocolate Peanut Butter



APR 08 2009
APR 09 2009
APR 10 2009

APR 17 2009
APR 18 2009
APR 29 2009
MAY 06 2009
MAY 07 2009
MAY 12 2009
MAY 16 2009
JUN 05 2009
JUN 11 2009
JUN 12 2009
JUN 13 2009
JUN 27 2009
JUN 28 2009
JUL 09 2009
JUL 22 2009
JUL 24 2009
JUL 25 2009
JUL 30 2009
JUL 31 2009
AUG 07 2009
AUG 08 2009
AUG 09 2009
AUG 21 2009
AUG 22 2009
SEP 03 2009
SEP 15 2009
SEP 16 2009
SEP 17 2009
SEP 26 2009
SEP 30 2009
OCT 01 2009
OCT 30 2009
OCT 31 2009
NOV 05 2009
NOV 06 2009
NOV 07 08 K
NOV 11 2009
NOV 28 2009
DEC 08 2009
DEC 09 2009
DEC 17 2009
DEC 18 2009
DEC 19 2009
JAN 15 2010
JAN 16 2010
JAN 22 2010
JAN 23 2010

- Advantage Peanut Fudge Granola



APR 08 2009
APR 08 2009
APR 09 2009
MAY 06 2009
MAY 07 2009
MAY 23 2009
MAY 26 2009
JUN 04 2009
JUN 05 2009
JUN 18 2009
JUN 19 2009
JUN 26 2009
JUL 08 2009
JUL 09 2009
JUL 17 2009
JUL 23 2009
AUG 08 2009
SEP 08 2009
SEP 09 2009
SEP 26 2009
OCT 02 2009
OCT 29 2009
NOV 03 2009
NOV 04 2009
NOV 05 2009
NOV 28 2009
DEC 03 2009
DEC 16 2009
DEC 19 2009
JAN 05 2010
JAN 23 2010

- Day Break Peanut Butter Fudge Crisp



OCT 20 2009
OCT 21 2009
NOV 13 2009
NOV 14 2009
NOV 28 2009
DEC 03 2009
DEC 05 2009
DEC 19 2009
JAN 22 2010

- Endulge Peanut Caramel Crisp



All BEST BUY DATES

No other Atkins products are affected by this recall.

4. Manufacturer/Establishment Number:

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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. 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.

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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.

Very Respectfully,

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