

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 052-2009 Valley Services - Traditions Emergency Meal Recall

Date Issued: February 6, 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. Valley Services - Traditions Web Site: <http://www.valleyservicesi.com/traditions/index.html>

2. BACKGROUND:

Traditions emergency shelf stable meal kits that may contain peanut butter packets that are subject to the precautionary national recall underway in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Boca Grande Foods, the manufacturer of the peanut butter packets, issued a recall notice to Valley Services, Inc. stating that the peanut butter packets contained peanut butter product that was supplied by the Peanut Corporation of America and it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

Peanut Butter Packets produced by Boca Grande (ALFOODACT 011 and ALFOODACT 012) are contained in lots known to be in FEMA's inventory. Other agencies may be affected.

The following list contains the meal kits that were sold to the Defense Supply Center between September 11, 2008 and September 26, 2008 that are subject to this voluntary recall:

Product Code	Lot Code	Date Range	Product Description	Quantity (cases)
511		9/9/2008 – 9/20/2008	#511 Emergency Meal Kit	
	4,798			
512		9/9/2008 – 9/21/2008	#512 Emergency Meal Kit	973
513		9/9/2008 – 9/20/2008	#513 Emergency Meal Kit	
	5,408			
515		9/9/2008 – 9/18/2008	#515 Emergency Meal Kit	852
516		9/9/2008 – 9/20/2008	#516 Emergency Meal Kit	
	3,476			
517		9/9/2008 – 9/21/2008	#517 Emergency Meal Kit	960
518		9/13/2008 – 9/22/2008	#518 Emergency Meal Kit	
	7,093			
524		9/10/2008 – 9/18/2008	#524 Emergency Meal Kit	
	1,239			
525		9/13/2008 – 9/18/2008	#525 Emergency Meal Kit	
	1,082			

Any above identified meal kits are being voluntarily recalled and must be immediately isolated and placed on hold. The recall does not affect any other products or code dates made by our company.

4. Manufacturer/Distributor

Valley Services - Traditions
Jackson, MS

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.

Any individual or office that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to dscpconssafofc@dla.mi

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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