

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 055-2009 George J. Howe Co. Announces Voluntary Nationwide Recall of French Burnt Peanut Products

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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. FDA Posting: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/howe02_09.html
- f. George J. Howe Company Posting:
<http://www.howesales.com/PDFs/Peanut+Recall+Press+Release+--+FINAL.pdf>

2. BACKGROUND:

The George J. Howe Company today announced that it is voluntarily recalling all French Burnt Peanut products distributed under its brand because of a possible health risk. The five products being recalled came from a manufacturer that used peanuts from the Peanut Corp. of America's Blakely, Ga., facility. The Food and Drug Administration has linked this plant to a salmonella outbreak.

None of the recalled products has been found to be contaminated with salmonella and there have been no reported illnesses or consumer complaints associated with any George J. Howe product. No other Howe products are affected by or involved in this recall.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

Retail Products:

- Here's Howe 14 oz. French Burnt Peanuts UPC 73171-04464
- Here's Howe 3.5 oz. French Burnt Peanuts UPC 73171-00529
- Candy Place 15 oz. French Burnt Peanuts UPC 30034-04182

Bulk Products:

- Primrose 25# Burnt Peanuts UPC 71576-00014
- Here's Howe 10# French Burnt Peanuts UPC 73171-06513

4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR

George J. Howe Company
Grove City, PA

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.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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