

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 056-2009 Alaska Firm Recalls Sausage Products For Possible Listeria Contamination

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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. FDA Posting: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_005_2009_Release/index.asp
- f. Alaska Sausage Company, Inc. Web Site: <http://www.alaskasausage.com/>

2. BACKGROUND:

Alaska Sausage Company, Inc., an Anchorage, Alaska, firm, is recalling approximately 872 pounds of sausage products that may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes. The problem was discovered through the firm's microbiological sampling program. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of this product.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

View Label: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_005_2009_Release/index.asp#labels

- 3-pound packages of "ALASKAN SAUSAGE LINKS WITH REINDEER MEAT." Each package bears a package code of "02709," a sell by date of "03/22/09" as well as the establishment number "EST. 17866" inside the USDA mark of inspection.
- 1- and 3-pound packages of "GERMAN BRAND COOKED BRATWURST." Each package bears a package code of "02709," a sell by date of "03/02/09" as well as the establishment number "EST. 17866" inside the USDA mark of inspection.

4. Manufacturer/Distributor

Alaska Sausage Co., Inc.
2914 Arctic Blvd.
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

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).

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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