

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 070-2009 Balance Bar Company Recall of Honey Peanut Balance Nutrition Energy Bars

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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/balancebar02_09.html
- f. Balance Bar Company Web Site: <http://www.balance.com/varieties.aspx>

2. BACKGROUND:

Balance Bar Company announced today a voluntary recall of one flavor of Balance Nutrition Energy Bars: Honey Peanut.

The company said it has no reason to believe there is a safety issue with this product. Rather, it is taking the action, as a precaution, because an external manufacturer sourced peanuts from the Plainview, Texas plant of Peanut Corporation of America.

This recall does NOT include Yogurt Honey Peanut Balance Bars or any other varieties of Balance Bars.

Neither Balance Bar Company, nor any of its suppliers, source any other peanut ingredients or peanut butter from the Peanut Corporation of America.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

View Label: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/photos/balancebarlabel02_09.html

Honey Peanut Balance Bars have a UPC code of 750049 000102 and come in a 1.76 oz (50 g) bar or 26.4 oz (1 lb 10.4 oz) box of 15 bars with a UPC code of 750049 001109.

4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

Balance Bar Company
Northfield, IL

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. Except for Prime Vendors, 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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