

Subject: ALFOODACT 093-2009 SunSprout Enterprises, Inc. Voluntarily Recalls Alfalfa Sprouts, Onion Sprouts, and Gourmet Sprouts Because of Possible Health Risk

Date Issued: March 4, 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. FDA Posting: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/sunsprouts03_09.html

2. BACKGROUND:

SunSprout Enterprises, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, is initiating a voluntary recall of Alfalfa Sprouts, Onion Sprouts, and Gourmet Sprouts based on communications it has had with Nebraska State officials regarding several cases of Salmonella St. Paul reported in Nebraska and Iowa. Although neither CW Sprouts nor the Nebraska state officials have any product laboratory test data linking the sprouts to the illnesses or to the microorganism, the recall is being conducted as a precautionary measure. State officials continue to review all available data and information to determine whether sprouts are reliably implicated in the recent reported cases of Salmonella St. Paul.

SunSprouts is working closely with the FDA and with public health authorities to get to the bottom of this situation.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

View Label: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/photos/sunsprouts03_09.html

The sprouts are sold refrigerated under the SunSprouts label in 4-oz. clear plastic clamshell containers that have the following "Best If Sold By" dates in the upper right-hand corner on each container, which may be expressed in two different styles: 30209 or MAR 02 2009, 30409 or MAR 04 2009, 30709 or MAR 07 2009, 30909 or MAR 09 2009, 31109 or MAR 11 2009, and 31409 or MAR 14 2009. The lot numbers, which are printed only on the shipping case, include: 3102, 3202, 3302, 4102, 4202, and 4302.

The bar code for the retail packages of Alfalfa Sprouts is 815098001088; the bar code for the Onion Sprouts is 815098002054; and the bar code for the Gourmet Sprouts is 817180000153. The Alfalfa Sprouts are also packaged in bulk 2.5-lb. and 5-lb. cases for use in restaurants. The Onion Sprouts and Gourmet Sprouts are not packaged in bulk form.

4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

SunSprout Enterprises, Inc.
4445 S 102nd Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68127-1025

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 the Contracting Officers or 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, etc.).

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. Prime Vendors should report finding to their assigned Contracting Officer and courtesy copy the Consumer Safety Office (dscpconssafofc@dla.mil). Other agencies such as DeCA, AAFES, MWR, VA, MCCS, etc. should report POSITIVE and NEGATIVE responses to their agencies recall coordinator.

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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