

**Subject: ALFOODACT 019-2011 Del Bueno Recalls Queso Fresco Casero Cheese Because of Possible Health Risk**

**Date Issued: September 19, 2011**

**1. REFERENCES:**

- a. DLAR 4155.26/AR 40-660/NAVSUPINST 10110.8c/AFI 48-116/MCO 10110.38c, DODHazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System.
- b. Allied Communications Publication 121, US SUPP-1 (f).

**2. BACKGROUND:**

Del Bueno of Grandview, WA is recalling all 16oz. size packages of Queso Fresco Casero Fresh Cheese with a date stamp of Sept 14, 2011 because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Queso Fresco Casero Fresh Cheese was sold in retail markets in Washington and at the Pasco, WA flea market. The cheese is packaged in round clear plastic 16oz. packages, and is stamped on the back with a code date of "Sep 14 2011".

This recall is the result of a routine sampling program by Washington State Department of Agriculture which revealed that the cheese is contaminated with *Listeria*. The company will be notifying their customers and requesting that they stop sales of this product. Del Bueno is working with FDA to conduct their recall.

**3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:**

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**UPC: See;** <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm272269.htm>

**4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:**

Del Bueno of Grandview, WA

Jesus Rodriguez  
425-503-3823

**5. DISTRIBUTION:** All

**6. REASON FOR ACTION:** Product has the potential to be contaminated with *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, or 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 DLA Troop Support. The form should include the number of the recall authorizing the survey action. Home-ported ships/galleys will utilize DD form 1149 to transfer w/ reimbursement to the PV. The PV will submit credit invoice to the account manager at DLA Troop Support.

c. DLA Troop Support Subsistence Prime Vendors must report POSITIVE and NEGATIVE RESPONSES directly to the their DLA Troop Support Contracting Officer with a courtesy copy to the Consumer Safety Officer (dscpcnssafofc@dla.mil <mailto:dscpcnssafofc@dla.mil> ).

d. DeCA, AAFES, MWR, VA, MCCS, or other non-DLA Troop Support agencies SHOULD NOT respond to the DLA Troop Support Consumer Safety Officer. These agencies should report POSITIVE and NEGATIVE responses in accordance with their agency recall policies.

e. When corresponding with DLA Troop Support concerning this message please include this message's subject in your subject line.

**8. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is** CW3 Tony Hemphill, Consumer Safety Officer at DLA-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2922, Commercial (215) 737-2922, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526, email [dscpconssafofc@dla.mil](mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil) <<mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil>> .

**9. Individuals or groups that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to** [dscpconssafofc@dla.mil](mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil) <<mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil>> , with "add to list" in the subject line. To be removed from the list place "remove from list" in the subject line.

**10. Previous recalls and frequently asked questions are available at the following web site:** <http://www.troopsupport.dla.mil/subs/fso/alfood/alfood.asp>  
The navigation tool to the left allows you to also view DLA Troop Support Alerts and Archived Vendor Recalls.

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