

**SUBJECT:** ALFOODACT 025-2011 Osamu Corporation Recalls Frozen Ground Tuna Due To Elevated Histamine Levels

**Date Issued:** October 14, 2011

**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).

**2. BACKGROUND:**

Osamu Corporation of Gardena, CA is recalling up to 1,800 cases, lot# 7013, of frozen ground tuna because the FDA found decomposition in several samples of the product and also found elevated histamine levels in samples taken from one retail location.

Osamu Corporation is recalling the product in an abundance of caution since decomposed product may promote formation of histamine. Histamine consumed in food can cause reactions that exhibit symptoms of tingling or burning sensation in the mouth, facial swelling, rash, hives and itchy skin, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. However, individuals may experience symptoms differently. Persons developing these symptoms should seek medical attention.

The frozen ground tuna was shipped to three distributors from 08/18/11 to 09/08/11. The distributors have removed the product from the marketplace and are destroying any remaining product.

The three distributors are AFC Corporation, Red Shell Foods and Pacific Fresh Fish Company. Two of these distributors have sushi franchises located in grocery stores. Stores and locations to which this product was shipped are listed at the bottom of this announcement. One, Pacific Fresh Fish Company of Los Angeles is a cash and carry establishment.

Three illnesses due to elevated histamine levels have been reported to date, all involving sushi purchased at a single location. The cause of the elevated histamine levels found in the ground tuna at that location is presently unknown.

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

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**4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:**

Osamu Corporation of Gardena, CA  
1-310-327-6376,

**5. DISTRIBUTION: All**

Multi-State]: AFC has sushi franchises at counters in grocery stores in nearly every state.

AK/AL/AR/AZ/CA/CO/DC/DE/FL/GA/HI/IA/ID/IL/IN  
/KS/KY/LA/MA/MD/ME/MI/MN/MO/MS/NC/NE/NH  
/NJ/NM/NV/NY/OH/OR/PA/RI/SC/TN/TX/UT/VA/VT/WA/WI/WV

**6. REASON FOR ACTION:** Because the FDA found decomposition in several samples of the product and also found elevated histamine levels in samples.

**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 (dscpconssafofc@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).

**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)**, 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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