# Subject: ALFOODACT 008-2012 Michael Foods Recalls Hard-Cooked Eggs Packed In Brine Sold In 10- And 25-Pound Pails Because Of Possible Health Risk

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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).

### 2. BACKGROUND:

Michael Foods, Inc. is recalling specific lot dates of hard-cooked eggs in brine sold in 10- and 25-pound pails for institutional use that were produced at its Wakefield, Nebraska facility because the product has the potential to be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes. Listeria monocytogenes is 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. The recall was initiated after lab testing revealed that some of the eggs within the recalled lot dates may have been contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes. A recall of three lot dates was announced on Thursday, January 26. As a precautionary measure, the recall was expanded today to include additional lot dates. Michael Foods reached the decision to expand this recall after a thorough investigation which indicated a specific repair project that took place in the packaging room as the likely source of the contamination. The company has taken a number of corrective steps to address the issue and prevent recurrence.

The recalled eggs were purchased by food distributors and manufacturers located in 34 states (AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV).

None of the eggs were sold directly by Michael Foods to retailers or consumers. However, food distributors and manufacturers who purchased the eggs could have used them in products that were sold to retail outlets or used in foodservice settings. Michael Foods is working with customers who purchased eggs from these lots to ensure that all product is removed from the market. Consumers who believe they might have purchased product affected by the recall, or those who are unsure, should contact the original place of purchase.

There have been no confirmed reports of illness in connection with this product.

## 3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

The recall is limited to hard-cooked eggs in brine in 10- and 25-pound pails produced at its Wakefield, Nebraska facility, which are labeled under six brand names (Columbia Valley Farms®, GFS®, Glenview Farms®, Papetti's®, Silverbrook®, Wholesome Farms®) and bearing lot codes of 1 LOT 1350W through 1 LOT 2025W and expiration dates ranging from 1/30/2012 to 3/10/2012.

Only lot codes immediately preceded by a "1" AND ending in a "W" are affected, please see the following example: Here is an example of the lot codes on the packaging: USE BY 11 FEB 12 1 LOT 1362 W

USE BY 11 FEB 12 = Use by Date

1 = line impacted by recall

LOT 1362 = Lot Number

W = Wakefield

## Label Photos:

http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm289921.htm

## 4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

- \*\* Manufacturer: Michael Foods, Wakefield, Nebraska facility
- \*\* Distributors: Columbia Valley Farms®, GFS®, Glenview Farms®, Papetti's®, Silverbrook®, Wholesome Farms
- **5. DISTRIBUTION:** Multiple States, states (AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI, WV)

**6. REASON FOR ACTION:** Because the 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 NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (NAVSUP FLC) and copy furnished to NAVSUP 51. Your supporting NAVSUP FLC 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** CW4 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.

- **9.** Individuals or groups that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to <a href="mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil">dscpconssafofc@dla.mil</a>, 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: <a href="http://www.troopsupport.dla.mil/subs/fso/alfood/alfood.asp">http://www.troopsupport.dla.mil/subs/fso/alfood/alfood.asp</a>. The navigation tool to the left allows you to also view DLA Troop Support Alerts and Archived Vendor Recalls.

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