

Subject: ALFOODACT 028-2012 Gills Onions Voluntarily Recalls Diced and Slivered Red and Yellow Onions, and Diced Onion and Celery Mix (aka VC# 06-0532)

Date Issued: July 20, 2012

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:

Gills Onions, LLC of Oxnard, CA is initiating a voluntary recall of a single day's production of diced and slivered red and yellow onions and diced celery and onion mix because they may be contaminated by *Listeria monocytogenes*. No illnesses have been reported in connection with this recall, and no other Gills Onions products are affected by this recall. A list of recalled products is provided at the end of this release. The recalled products, which are packaged under the brand "Gill's Onions," were shipped between July 2-4, 2012 directly from Gills Onions to retailers in Canada and the following U.S. states: California, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah and Washington.

This voluntary recall was initiated when the company was notified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that a random sample of diced yellow onions taken at retail tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*. As a precautionary measure, Gills Onions is recalling all products processed on the same day and on the same line as the sample that tested positive.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. 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.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

Lot Code	Product Description	Use-by-date	UPC Code*
("Gill's Onions" Brand)			
22YAA1A2184	Diced Yellow Onions, 7 oz	07/20/12	643550000405
22RAA1A2184	Diced Red Onions, 7 oz	07/20/12	643550000412
22YAA1A2184	Slivered Yellow Sweet Onions, 5oz	07/20/12	643550000092
22RAA1A2184	Slivered Red Onions, 5 oz	07/20/12	643550000009
22YAA1A2184	Diced Celery and Onion, 7 oz	07/20/12	643550000429
22YAA1A2184	Diced Celery and Onion, 19 oz	07/20/12	643550000351

ADDITIONAL AFFECTED Use by Date:

Fresh Diced Yellow Onions

UPC* 6 43550 00044 3

Lot Code 22YAA1A2184

Best Before Date / Use By Date

07/18/12

07/19/12

07/20/12

Fresh Diced Red Onions

UPC* 6 43550 00045 0

Lot Code 22RAA1A2184

Best Before Date / Use By Date

07/18/12

07/19/12

07/20/12

Fresh Diced Celery & Onions

UPC* 6 43550 00046 7

Lot Code 22YAA1A2184

Best Before Date / Use By Date

07/18/12

07/19/12

07/20/12

***The UPC Code can also be found on products not included in this recall, so please refer to the lot code in order to identify the recalled product.**

4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

Gills Onions (aka VC# 06-0532)

1-800-348-2255

www.gillsonions.com

5. DISTRIBUTION: [Multi-state & Canada]: The recalled products, which are packaged under the brand "Gill's Onions," were shipped between July 2-4, 2012 directly from Gills Onions to retailers in Canada and the following U.S. states: California, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah and Washington.

6. REASON FOR ACTION: May be contaminated by *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 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 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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