

**Subject: ALFOODACT 014-2013 Grippo Foods Inc. Issues A Voluntary Recall Of All Sizes Of Their Various Potato Chips Products Due To Possible Health Risk (Foreign Material)**

**Date Issued: March 19, 2013**

**1. Reference:**

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:**

Grippo Foods, Inc, Cincinnati, OH, is initiating a nationwide recall of all bags and boxes of their Plain Potato Chips, Bar-B-Q Potato Chips, Cheddar Cheese with a touch of Jalapeno Potato Chips, Hot Dill Pickle Potato Chips, Sweet Bermuda Onion Potato chips and Salt & Vinegar Potato Chips. These products may have the potential to contain metal fragments. Consumption of foodborne foreign objects that are hard and sharp may result in moderate or serious injury. Minor injuries such as transient choking, or small lacerations in the oral cavity or gastrointestinal system, as well as Dental injury, such as a fractured tooth, may occur. While, serious injury is remotely possible, it could involve severe choking with airway obstruction, perforation in the oral cavity or gastrointestinal system, or secondary infection due to any of these events.

The recall includes the following: The bagged chips have an expiration date of May 20 and before. The 1.5 pound boxes of chips have an expiration date of April 29 and before. The date code is located in the upper right corner of the package.

These products were distributed to retail markets in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois beginning September 15, 2012 until March 14, 2013.

The firm voluntarily recalled the products after being notified by the Ohio Department of Agriculture that there were metal shavings found in the salt applicator. FDA has been apprised of this action.

No injuries have been reported to date.

Grippo Foods, Inc. is notifying its distributors and customers. Consumers who have purchased these products should stop using and return to place of purchase for a refund.

Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-800-626-1824 9 am to 4 pm EST Monday through Friday.

### 3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

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NAME	UPC CODE
Plain	0 76847 12124 6
Bar-B-Q	0 76847 14123 7
Cheddar Cheese with a touch of Jalapeno	0 76847 14127 5
Hot Dill Pickle	0 76847 14126 8
Sweet Bermuda Onion	0 76847 14124 4
Salt & Vinegar	0 76847 14125 1

Product Photo: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm344010.htm>

### 4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

Grippo Foods, Inc.  
1-800-626-1824 9

5. **DISTRIBUTION:** All (products have been identified in both CONUS and OCONUS inventories)

6. **REASON FOR ACTION:** Due to the potential to be contaminated with foreign material (metal fragments)

### 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](mailto: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](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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