Subject: ALFOODACT 024-2013 Limited Number of Lightlife Farmer's Market Veggie Burgers Recalled Due to Undeclared Milk Allergen

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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:

Lightlife Foods in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is voluntarily recalling a limited number of packages of its Lightlife Farmer's Market Veggie Burgers that may contain an undeclared allergen, milk. Certain packages of the Farmer's Market Veggie Burgers may have inadvertently been filled with Lightlife Kick'n Black Bean Burgers, which contain an allergen, milk. The milk allergen is not declared on the Farmer's Market Veggie Burger product label. This product was shipped to food stores and distributors nationwide.

People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to milk run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume this product. There have been no illnesses reported to date in connection with this product.

This product is a food safety concern only for people who are allergic to milk.

Consumers who have purchased the impacted product should discard it and contact Lightlife Foods for product replacement or questions: 866-484-9623, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The issue was discovered after consumers found Lightlife Kick'n Black Bean burgers in Farmer's Market Veggie Burger packages and contacted the company. Lightlife Foods has taken the precautionary measure of notifying the FDA and is voluntarily recalling cases of the product shipped to retail food locations nationwide. Lightlife Foods will work with retail customers to ensure that the recalled products are removed from store shelves.

Lightlife Foods is also issuing an alert through Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) in an effort to inform any potentially impacted consumers.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

The affected product, Lightlife Farmer's Market Veggie Burgers, are packaged in 12.0-ounce, 4-count light blue bags with a Lightlife logo and picture of the veggie burger product on the front panel. This voluntary recall is limited to Lightlife Farmer's Market Veggie Burgers in 12.0-ounce, 4-count light blue bags bearing the following UPC code and Best if Used By dates only:

Lightlife Farmer's Market Veggie Burgers 12.0-ounce, 4-count packages

Unit UPC: 4345480525

Lot Codes: 5483220300, 5483221700

Best if Used By Dates: JULY 16 2013, JULY 30 2013

Both the UPC code and Best if Used By dates are printed on the back of each bag, in the lower

right corner.

No other Lightlife products are affected

4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

Lightlife Foods
TURNERS FALLS, Mass.
Consumer Affairs, 866-484-9623
wecare@lightlife.com

- 5. DISTRIBUTION: All
- **6. REASON FOR ACTION:** Due to Undeclared Milk Allergen

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 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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