

Subject: ALFOODACT 027-2013 Hagee Foods Inc. dba Penny's Salsa Inc. Recalls Hummus Products Because of Possible Health Risk

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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:

Hagee Foods Inc. dba Penny's Salsa Inc., is recalling hummus products listed in the attached table because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, 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 retail hummus products come in 8 oz. and 12 oz. clear plastic packages and were distributed to retail stores and food service accounts in Oregon and Washington with the Penny's Salsa, Tacoma Boys and Harbor Greens labels. The USE BY dates 7/13/2013-8/25/2013 are printed on the side of the top lid.

Vegetable trays 8 oz and Snack packs 8 oz, which include 1.5 oz plastic containers of creamy hummus labeled Made in the Pacific North West, are packaged in black plastic trays with clear plastic lids. These products were distributed in Oregon and Washington. The USE BY dates 7/13/2013-7/24/2013 are on the underside of these trays.

Hummus for foodservice is packaged in 25 lb. bulk boxes. USE BY dates 7/13/2013-8/25/2013 are printed on the master shipper labels. This product was distributed in Washington.

The above hummus products were shipped from 5/27/13 to 7/14/13. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with these products.

The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing by the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in 12 ounce containers of Hummus.

The production of the product has been suspended while FDA, WSDA and the company continue to investigate the source of the problem.

Consumers who have purchased any size of Penny's Salsa Hummus are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-866-797-2572.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

UPC Number	Products
7 49404 83061 4	Penny's Garlic Hummus 12 oz (340 g)
7 49404 90971 6	Penny's Creamy Hummus 12 oz (340 g)
7 49404 32368 0	Penny's Hummus De Gallo 12 oz (340 g)
7 49404 51848 2	Penny's Roasted Red Pepper Hummus 12 oz (340 g)
7 49404 91368 3	Penny's Jalapeño Hummus 12 oz (340 g)
7 49404 70200 3	Penny's Black Bean Hummus 12 oz (340 g)
7 49404 80515 5	Harbor Greens Black Bean Hummus 8 oz (227g)
7 49404 80717 3	Harbor Greens Sun-Dried Tomato Hummus 8 oz (227g)
7 49404 80313 7	Harbor Greens Jalapeño Hummus 8 oz (227g)
7 49404 80414 1	Harbor Greens Roasted Red Pepper Hummus 8 oz (227g)
7 49404 80616 9	Harbor Greens Hummus De Gallo 8 oz (227g)
7 49404 80212 3	Harbor Greens Garlic Hummus 8 oz (227g)
7 49404 90515 2	Tacoma Boys Black Bean Hummus 8 oz (227 g)
7 49404 90414 8	Tacoma Boys Roasted Red Pepper Hummus 8 oz (227g)
7 49404 90313 4	Tacoma Boys Jalapeño Hummus 8 oz (227g)
7 49404 90717 0	Tacoma Boys Sun Dried Tomato Hummus 8 oz (227g)
7 49404 90212 0	Tacoma Boys Garlic Hummus 8 oz (227g)
7 49404 90616 6	Tacoma Boys Hummus De Gallo 8 oz (227g)
7 49404 98020 3	Vegetable tray 8 OZ. Ingredients: Carrot Sticks, Celery, Grape Tomatoes, Creamy Hummus

7 49404 30002 5	Vegetable tray 8 OZ. Ingredients: Carrot Sticks, Pretzels, Grapes, Creamy Hummus
07494041923679	Penny's Salsa Inc. Snack Pack w/Hummus Grapes, Carrots and Pretzels 8 oz
07494041923606	Penny's Salsa Inc. Snack Pack w/Hummus Celery, Carrots, Tomato 8 oz
No UPC	Penny's Salsa Creamy Original Hummus 25 LB

4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

Penny's Salsa Hummus

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1-866-797-2572.

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5. DISTRIBUTION: All

6. REASON FOR ACTION: Because they have 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 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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