

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 017-2014 The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Issues Public Health Alert For Processed Egg Products Unfit For Human Consumption

Date Issued: March 27, 2014

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/UPDATE:

WASHINGTON, March 26, 2014; The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is issuing a public health alert because Nutriom LLC, a Lacey, Wash. establishment, declined to expand its Feb. 15, 2014 recall to include an additional 118,541 pounds of processed egg products for which there is reason to conclude that they are unfit for human consumption.

The request for expansion was based on evidence collected during an ongoing investigation conducted by FSIS at this establishment. The company has refused to recall the additional processed egg products. As a consequence, FSIS intends to take appropriate action to remove the products from commerce.

FSIS issued the original recall because the company allegedly recorded false laboratory results. The company allegedly produced negative laboratory results for *Salmonella* when the results were actually positive, or reported that sampling had occurred when, in fact, no microbial testing was performed. FSIS requested the company to include additional products, but it declined. Because the product was not produced in accordance with FSIS requirements, it is unfit for human consumption.

On Feb. 15, 2014, the company recalled 226,710 pounds of processed egg products. To read the recall release, at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-015-2014-release>

The dried egg products were produced from May 2013 through January 2014, and bear the establishment number "INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS PLANT 21493G" inside the USDA Mark of Inspection. These products were shipped nationwide and to U.S. military installations in the United States and abroad, and to Mexico.

FSIS inspects egg products under the Egg Products Inspection Act. FDA typically takes jurisdiction of egg products after they leave the egg facility if they are incorporated into FDA-regulated products. In this case, USDA handled the original recall rather than FDA because the products are in consumer packages with an identifiable USDA Mark of Inspection, and FSIS had jurisdiction over the product when the contamination occurred. FSIS and FDA are continuing to work together to ensure food safety, and the management of Recall 015-2014 is such an example.

FSIS advises all consumers to safely prepare and consume egg products that have been cooked to a temperature of 160° F. The only way to confirm that egg products are cooked to a temperature high enough to kill harmful bacteria is to use a food thermometer that measures internal temperature, <http://1.usa.gov/1cDxcDQ>.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov or via smartphone at m.askkaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety

messages are available 24 hours a day. The online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/reportproblem>.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

The following products were packaged in consumer-sized packages:

****Products Affecting United States Military Rations:****

1.17-lb. packs of "OvaEasy Unitized Group Ration- A Option (UGR-A), Reduced Cholesterol" with the Julian dates "3129," "3228," "3229," "3230," "3231," "3281," "3282," "3283," "3284," "3337," "3338," "3339" and "3340"

1.1-lb. bags of "OvaEasy Boil-in-Bag Unitized Group Ration (UGR)-All Others (Heat and Serve (H&S), Express (UGR-E), and B Option (UGR-B)" with the Julian dates "3161," "3162," "3182," "3183," "3188," "3201," "3202," "3203," "3204," "3205," "3208," "3209," "3210," "3211," "3212," "3213," "3220," "3221" and "3222"

The following products were packaged in consumer-sized packages:

1.75-lb. packs of "OvaEasy Plain Whole Egg" with the Julian dates "0374," "0384," "2683" and "2693"

66-gram spray bottles of "Bak-Klene Egg Wash" with the lot code "L1013A"

4.5-oz. cans of "OvaEasy Whole Plain Egg" with the Julian date "2883"

571-gram packs of "Vitovo Low Fat" with the Julian date "3193"

2-oz. packs of "OvaEasy Plain Whole Egg" with the Julian dates "0074," "0084," "0094," "0354," "0364," "0374," "2243," "2253," "2953," "2963," "3463," "3473" and "3483"

66-gram spray bottles of "Panera Egg Wash" with the Julian dates "0104," "0154," "0164," "0174," "0214," "0224," "0234," "0244," "0284," "0294," "0304" and "0314"

2-oz. pack of "Wise Company, Wise Blend" with the Julian date "0943"

The following products were shipped to co-packers for incorporation into consumer-size packages:

3,884-lb. super sack of "OvaEasy Plain Whole Egg" with the lot code "H0613-B"

1,031-lb. super sack of "OvaEasy Plain Whole Egg" with the lot code "I0413-A"

958-lb. super sack of "OvaEasy Plain Whole Egg" with the lot code "I0413-A"

4,422-lb. super sack of "OvaEasy Plain Whole Egg" with the lot code "L1713-A"

4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

Nutriom LLC, Julie Cuffee, Customer Service Representative, at (360) 413-7269, ext. 101.

5. DISTRIBUTION: All

6. REASON FOR ACTION: Due to potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*

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 (For instructions on how to "Properly Prepare a Standard Form" (SF) 364 please use this link [<http://www.landandmaritime.dla.mil/Offices/Packaging/PrepSF364.asp>]) 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.

Regards,
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