

**SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 038-2014 United States Army Public Command Issues Suspension of Sunburst Foods Inc. Fresh Bites Brand 3.4oz. Turkey on Wheat Sandwiches with a Package Code Sell by: October 14, 2014 For the Department of Defense Supply Chain Due to a Possible Health Risk from Listeria monocytogenes**

**Date Issued:** September 30, 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:**

On September 16, 2014 the United States Army Public Command conducted routine "Quarterly Destination Monitoring" of 3.4oz. Turkey on Wheat Sandwiches from Sunburst Foods Inc. "Brand Name: Fresh Bites", that were supplied to the Department of Defense. Samples were shipped to the Public Health Command Region-South Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory for analysis. The product tested POSITIVE for Listeria monocytogenes.

This result does not meet the requirement defined in the table "Department of Defense Food Safety and Quality Assurance Laboratory Action Levels" as published in Appendix O of the USAPHC Circular 40-1, "WORLDWIDE DIRECTORY OF SANITARILY APPROVED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS FOR ARMED FORCES PROCUREMENT". It may represent a potential health risk and require further action.

Consumption of food contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially serious disease marked by fever, severe headache, neck stiffness, and nausea. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis, but it can sometimes cause fatal infections in infants, the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems. Listeriosis can also lead to miscarriages and stillbirths in pregnant women.

Any consumers who believe they may have become ill after eating the products should contact their health care provider.

**DISPOSITION INSTRUCTION:**

\*\*Normal standard operating procedures concerning recalls should be followed.

**3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:**

Brand Name: Fresh Bites  
Turkey on wheat sandwich  
Pkg size 3.4 oz.  
UPC 0124800110  
Package Code Sell by: October 14, 2014

**4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:**

Sunburst Foods Inc  
1002 Sunburst Drive  
Goldsboro, NC 27534

5. **DISTRIBUTION:** All

6. **REASON FOR ACTION:** Due to 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 (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](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.

Regards,  
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