

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 042-2014 B&G Foods Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Peanut and Almond in Product

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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:

B&G Foods announced today it is voluntarily recalling certain Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix, Ortega Taco Sauce, Ortega Enchilada Sauce and Ortega Taco Kit products and certain Las Palmas Taco Seasoning Mix and Las Palmas Taco Sauce products after learning that one or more of the spice ingredients purchased from a third party supplier contain peanuts and almonds, allergens that are not declared on the products' ingredient statements. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to peanuts and almonds run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products. There is no health risk associated with these products for individuals without an allergy to peanuts or almonds.

The recalled products were distributed in retail stores and foodservice outlets nationwide.

This recall does not apply to any other sizes or varieties of Ortega Seasoning Mix or to any Ortega Seasoning Mixes in canisters, all of which are correctly labeled. For example, this recall does not include Ortega Fajita Seasoning Mix, Ortega Fish Taco Seasoning Mix, Ortega Chili Seasoning Mix, Ortega Chipotle Seasoning Mix or Ortega Burrito Seasoning Mix, all of which are correctly labeled. This recall also does not include any Las Palmas Enchilada Sauce, which is correctly labeled.

"The safety of our consumers is our number one priority. We are committed to providing safe, quality products while observing the highest ethical standards in the conduct of our business," said William Wright, Executive Vice President of Quality Assurance and R&D at B&G Foods. "The core values that we've embodied since the company was founded in the 1800s — honesty, integrity and accountability — guide our actions as we take the appropriate measures to address this issue."

This recall was initiated in consultation with the FDA after it was discovered that ingredients from a single supplier used in the affected products were contaminated with peanut and almond allergens. B&G Foods has since terminated its relationship with this supplier and is receiving these ingredients from other sources in anticipation of resuming production shortly.

Consumers who have purchased the recalled products are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company's recall hotline at 877-929-2576 from 8:00 a.m. ET to 8:00 p.m. ET, or visit www.ortega.com for additional information.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

Consumer UPC #	Size	Best By Date Range	Description
0 39000 00805 1	10oz	May 18, 2015 - Feb 10, 2016	Ortega Taco Dinner Kit
0 39000 00818 1	16.7oz	May 18, 2015 - Feb 10, 2016	Ortega Taco Dinner Kit
0 39000 00820 4	1.25 oz	Feb 18, 2016 - Nov 3, 2016	Ortega Taco Seasoning
0 39000 00821 1	3.75 oz	Feb 18, 2016 - Nov 3, 2016	Ortega Taco Seasoning (3 Pack)
0 39000 00860 0	5 lb.	Feb 18, 2016 - Nov 3, 2016	Ortega Taco Meat Seasoning
(Foodservice)			
0 39000 00861 7	9 oz	Feb 18, 2016 - Nov 3, 2016	Ortega Taco Meat Seasoning
(Foodservice)			
0 39000 00890 7	8 oz	Feb 18, 2017 - Nov 10, 2017	Ortega Taco Sauce - Mild
0 39000 00891 4	8 oz	Feb 18, 2017 - Nov 10, 2017	Ortega Taco Sauce - Hot
0 39000 01012 2	15.2oz	May 18, 2015 - Feb 10, 2016	Ortega Soft Taco Dinner Kit
0 39000 01892 0	8 oz	Feb 18, 2017 - Nov 10, 2017	Ortega Taco Sauce - Medium
0 39000 01893 7	16 oz	Feb 18, 2017 - Nov 10, 2017	Ortega Taco Sauce - Mild

0 39000 01894 4	16 oz	Feb 18, 2017 - Nov 10, 2017	Ortega Taco Sauce - Medium
0 41501 00806 5	9.15oz	May 18, 2015 - Feb 10, 2016	Ortega Whole Grain Taco Kit
0 41501 00824 9	1.25oz	Feb 18, 2016-Nov 3, 2016	Ortega 40% Less Sodium Taco Seasoning
0 41501 00832 4	5oz	May 18, 2015 - Feb 10, 2016	Ortega "Tacos for Two" Kit
0 41501 00882 9	144 g	15 MA 18- 16 FE 10	Ortega "Tacos for Two" Kit (Canada)
0 41501 00897 3	8 oz	Feb 18, 2017 - Nov 10, 2017	Ortega Green Taco Sauce - Mild
0 41501 00898 0	8 oz	Feb 18, 2017 - Nov 10, 2017	Ortega Enchilada Sauce
0 41501 00907 9	16 oz	Feb 18, 2017-Nov 10, 2017	Ortega Green Taco Sauce - Mild
0 41501 01014 3	13.6 oz	May 18, 2015-Feb 10, 2016	Ortega Whole Wheat Soft Taco Kit
0 41501 01015 0	21.3oz	May 18, 2015 - Feb 10, 2016	Ortega Grande Hard & Soft Taco Dinner Kit
0 41501 01058 7	15.9oz	May 18, 2015-Feb 10, 2016	Ortega Whole Grain/Whole Wheat Hard & Soft Taco Kit
0 41501 01895 8	16 oz	Feb 18, 2017 - Nov 10, 2017	Ortega Taco Sauce - Hot
0 41501 08351 2	9.8oz	May 18, 2015 - Feb 10, 2016	Ortega Fiesta Flats Kit
0 41501 79811 9	3.75 oz	Feb 18, 2016-Nov 3, 2016	Las Palmas Taco Seasoning Packet (3 Pack)
0 41501 79812 6	106 g	16 FE 18 - 16 NO 03	Las Palmas Taco Seasoning Packets (3 Pack) (Canada)
0 41501 79890 4	8 oz	Feb 18, 2017-Nov 10, 2017	Las Palmas Taco Sauce (Mild)
0 41501 79990 1	226g	17 FE 18 - 17 NO 10	Las Palmas Taco Sauce (Mild) (Canada)
N/A	.33 oz	Feb 18, 2016 - Nov 3, 2016	Ortega Taco Sauce Packets (Foodservice)

4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

B&G Foods, Inc.
877-929-2576

5. DISTRIBUTION: All

6. REASON FOR ACTION: Due to the Misbranding and Undeclared Allergen (Peanut and Almonds)

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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