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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2016-034: Mars Chocolate North America Issues Allergy Alert for Select Varieties of Combos For Potential Undeclared Peanut Residue

Date Issued: June 15, 2016

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:

Mars Chocolate North America announced a voluntary recall of certain varieties and limited dates of production of COMBOS® Cheddar Cheese Pretzel, COMBOS® Cheddar Cheese Cracker, COMBOS® Pizzeria Pretzel, COMBOS® Sweet and Salt Caramel Pretzel, COMBOS® Pepperoni Cracker, COMBOS® Buffalo Pretzel. While those who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to peanuts run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume products containing peanut allergens, the amount of peanut exposure from use of the flours and affected products is considered to be low and not expected to cause adverse health effects in the vast majority of peanut allergic consumers.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES: The affected COMBOS® products have a “best before” date ranging from March, 2017 - April, 2017 on the back of the package. Directly underneath the “best before” date is a 10-digit manufacturing code that includes the code date numbers in the table below:

Item Number	Description	UPC	Code Date	Best Before Date
10099128	COMBOS CHEDDAR CHEESE PRETZEL - FAMILY PEG PACK - 6.3 OZ - 12/CA	41419420058	613EAALB01 613EBALB01 613ECALB01 613FAALB01 613FBALB01 614FAALB01 614FBALB01 614FCALB01	3/2017
10099130	COMBOS PIZZERIA PRETZEL - MEDIUM BAG - 6.3 OZ - 12/CA	41419420065	613FBALB01 613FCALB01 613GAALB01 613GBALB01 614DCALB01 614EAALB01	4/2017

			614EBALB01	
			614ECALB01	
10099132	COMBOS CHEDDAR CHEESE CRACKER - FAMILY PEG PACK - 6.3 OZ - 12/CA	41419420072	614AAALB01 614ABALB01 614ACALB01 614BAALB01	4/2017
10099135	COMBOS PEPPERONI CRACKER - FAMILY PEG PACK - 6.3 OZ - 12/CA	41419420089	614BAALB01 614BBALB01 614BCALB01 614CAALB01	4/2017
10099141	COMBOS BUFFALO BLUE CHEESE PRETZEL - FAMILY PEG PACK - 6.3 OZ - 12/CA	41419420119	614CAALB01 614CBALB01 614CCALB01 614DAALB01 614DBALB01	4/2017
10109566	COMBOS SNACKS PIZZERIA PRETZEL - 15 OZ - 8/CA	41419780473	613FBALB01 613FCALB01	4/2017
10109569	COMBOS SNACKS CHEDDAR CHEESE PRETZEL - 15 OZ - 8/CA	41419780480	613EAALB01 613EBALB01 614FAALB01 614FBALB01	3/2017
10109577	COMBOS SNACKS CHEDDAR CHEESE CRACKER - 15 OZ - 8/CA	41419780497	614AAALB01 614ABALB01 614ACALB01	4/2017
10117851	COMBOS SWEET AND SALTY CARAMEL CREME PRETZEL - FAMILY PEG PACK - 6.0 OZ - 12/CA	41419780879	613GBALB01 613GCALB01	4/2017
S1317100	COMBOS SNACKS CHEDDAR CHEESE PRETZEL - WAREHOUSE CLUB SINGLES DISPLAY CASE - 1.80 OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA	41419714713	613EAALB01 613EBALB01 613ECALB01	3/1/2017
S1317500	COMBOS SNACKS PIZZERIA PRETZEL - WAREHOUSE CLUB SINGLES DISPLAY CASE -	41419714751	613FBALB01 613FCALB01 613GAALB01	4/1/2017

1.80 OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA

614DCALB01

S4743000 "COMBOS" SNACK BUFFALO BLUE CHEESE
PRETZEL - SINGLES - 1.80 OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA

41419474303

614CAALB01
614CBALB01
614CCALB01
614DAALB01
4/1/2017

S7147100 COMBOS SNACKS CHEDDAR CHEESE
PRETZEL - SINGLES - 1.80 OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA

41419714713

613ECALB01
613FAALB01
613FBALB01
614FAALB01
614FBALB01
614FCALB01
4/1/2017

S7147300 COMBOS PEPPERONI PIZZA CRACKER -
SINGLES - 1.70 OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA

41419714737

614BAALB01
614BBALB01
614BCALB01
4/1/2017

S7147400 COMBOS SNACKS CHEDDAR CHEESE
CRACKER - SINGLES - 1.70 OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA

41419714744

614AAALB01
614ABALB01
614ACALB01
614BAALB01
4/1/2017

S7147500 COMBOS PIZZERIA PRETZEL - SINGLES - 1.80
OZ - 18 CT - 12/CA

41419714751

613GAALB01
613GBALB01
614DCALB01
614EAALB01
614EBALB01
614ECALB01
4/1/2017

Product Photos















4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

Mars Chocolate will work with impacted retailers to ensure that the recalled product is no longer available for sale. In the event that consumers believe they have purchased this item and have allergy concerns, they should return this product to the store where they purchased it for a full refund.

Consumers with questions or concerns may call our toll-free number: 1-800-556-7881. This number will be operational Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (EST).

More information about the flour recall can be found on the FDA's website at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/RecallsOutbreaksEmergencies/SafetyAlertsAdvisories/ucm504002.htm>.

5. **DISTRIBUTION:** The vast majority of these products were distributed throughout the United States, with the remainder being shipped internationally to the following countries: Bahamas, Jamaica, Virgin Islands-St Thomas, Antigua, Colombia, Panama, Puerto Rico, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore.

6. REASON FOR ACTION:

Mars initiated the recall after its supplier, Grain Craft, recalled certain lots of wheat flour that has the potential to contain low levels of peanut residue. The COMBOS® Brand products subject to the recall may have been produced using the recalled flour. Mars Chocolate is recalling the specific lot numbers referenced below. The FDA advises consumers with severe peanut allergies to avoid the recalled products listed on this page because of peanut residue in the flour used to make the products. The FDA have stated that the amount of peanut exposure from use of the flours and affected products is low and not expected to cause adverse health effects in the vast majority of peanut allergic consumers. To date, Mars Chocolate has received no reports of illness related to the products covered by this recall. No other Mars products are impacted by this recall.

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

[\[http://www.dla.mil/LandandMaritime/Offers/Services/TechnicalSupport/Logistics/Packaging/PrepareS364.aspx\]](http://www.dla.mil/LandandMaritime/Offers/Services/TechnicalSupport/Logistics/Packaging/PrepareS364.aspx)) 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 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 CW3 Jacqueline Telesford, 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.dla.mil/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodSafety/fso/ALFOODACT.aspx>

The navigation tool to the left allows you to also view DLA Troop Support Alerts and Archived Vendor Recalls.

Regards,

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