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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2016-072: Valley Milk Products LLC, Possible *Salmonella* Contamination

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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:

Chips recalled for Salmonella in powdered milk seasoning

Shearer's Foods LLC of Massillon, OH, is voluntarily recalling five brands of snack chips that were made with powdered milk ingredients from Valley Milk Products LLC that have been recalled because of Salmonella contamination.

Brands included in the Shearer's Food recall are Deep River, Delish, Larry the Cable Guy, Essential Everyday and Market Essential.

The Saturday recall notice from Shearer's Foods is one of at least five secondary recalls of products ranging from Publix brand pancake mix to Great Value macaroni and cheese. For additional information, see below links to **Food Safety News** coverage of the other recalls.

As with the other recalls related to the powdered milk from Valley Milk Products in Strasburg, VA, no illnesses had been reported in relation to any of the recalled products as of the dates the recall notices were posted.

"Shearer's Foods LLC initiated a recall after being notified on Dec. 7 by a seasoning supplier that Valley Milk Products LLC had initiated a recall of a nonfat high-heat milk powder and sweet cream buttermilk powder that is used in a variety of their seasonings," according to the Shearer's recall notice: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/shearers-foods-llc-recalls-product-made-with-affected-seasonings-due-to-potential-salmonella-contamination-300376315.html>

"Customers who purchased the recalled product should dispose of it immediately. Consumers with questions may contact Shearer's Consumer Affairs Department toll free at 800-428-6843."

On Dec. 1, U.S. Marshals seized more than 4 million pounds of powdered milk from Valley Milk Products facility in Strasburg, VA. The Food and Drug Administration sought the enforcement

help from the Marshals after finding out the company knew its facility and products were contaminated with Salmonella.

Anyone who has consumed any of the recalled products and developed symptoms of Salmonella infection should seek medical attention and tell their doctors about the possible exposure to the pathogen.

Salmonella is a microscopic organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy people infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses.

Consumers can identify the recalled potato chips and tortilla chips produced by Shearer's Foods by looking for label information as detailed in the chart found at:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2016/12/135689/>

3. 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/PrepareSF364.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 (dscpconssaofc@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.

4. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is CW3 Jemme Neal, Consumer Safety Officer at DLA-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-4670d, Commercial (215) 737-4670 or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526, or email: dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

5. 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.

6. 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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