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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2017-013 Expansion of ALFOODACT 2017-011 Guggisberg Cheese, Inc. Recalls Various Colby Type Cheeses due to Possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination supplied by Deutsch Kase Haus, LLC

Date Issued: February 15, 2017

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: Out of an abundance of caution and with an emphasis on its customers' wellness and safety, Guggisberg Cheese Inc. is recalling various types of Colby type cheeses and sizes due to a potential contamination of *Listeria monocytogenes*. *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, a *Listeria monocytogenes* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

3. Product Affected: The affected products were manufactured both by Guggisberg Cheese, Inc. and by Deutsch Kase Haus, LLC under the Guggisberg label. No illnesses have been reported to date. Products affected are:

| Product | Size (May be purchased at the deli counter in custom size) | UPC | Use By Dates |
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| Guggisberg Cheddar Horns | 20/11lb, 2/6lb & 2/15lb | Sliced at deli counter no UPC and chunked with no bar code | June 01,2017 – Oct. 27,2017 |
| Guggisberg Colby Horns | 20/11lb, 2/6lb & 2/15lb | Sliced at deli counter no UPC and chunked with no bar code | June 01,2017 – Oct. 27,2017 |

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| Guggisberg Farmer's Cheese horns | 20/11lb, 2/6lb & 2/15lb | Sliced at deli counter no UPC and chunked with no bar code | June 01,2017 – Oct. 27,2017 |
| Guggisberg Garden Vegetable Horns | 20/11lb, 2/6lb & 2/15lb | Sliced at deli counter no UPC and chunked with no bar code | June 01,2017 – Oct. 27,2017 |
| Guggisberg Marble Horns | 20/11lb, 2/6lb & 2/15lb | Sliced at deli counter no UPC and chunked with no bar code | June 01,2017 – Oct. 27,2017 |
| Guggisberg Marble Longhorn | 2/15lb | Sliced at deli counter no UPC | June 01,2017 – Oct. 27,2017 |
| Guggisberg Pepper Jack Horns | 20/11lb, 2/6lb & 2/15lb | Sliced at deli counter no UPC and chunked with no bar code | June 01,2017 – Oct. 27,2017 |
| Guggisberg Thunder Jack Horns | 20/11lb, 2/6lb & 2/15lb | Sliced at deli counter no UPC and chunked with no bar code | June 01,2017 – Oct. 27,2017 |
| Guggisberg exact Marble Mini Rounds | 12/12 oz. | UPC BAR CODE# 710917 361018 | June 01,2017 – Oct. 27,2017 |
| Guggisberg exact Colby Mini Rounds | 12/12 oz. | UPC BAR CODE# 710917 361025 | June 01,2017 – Oct. 27,2017 |

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| Guggisberg exact Pepper Jack Mini Rounds | 12/12 oz | UPC BAR CODE# 710917 361032 | June 01,2017 – Oct. 27,2017 |
| Guggisberg Cheese with Yogurt cultures deli horns | 20/11lb, 2/6lb & 2/15lb | Sliced at deli counter no UPC and chunked with no bar code | June 01,2017 – Oct. 27,2017 |

The products were manufactured between September 1, 2016 and January 27, 2017. These products were packaged in clear plastic and sold primarily in retail stores at deli counters and deli cases located in the States of: Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Illinois, and West Virginia.

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund or they may discard the product. Consumers with questions may contact Ursula Bennett (customer service) at 330-893-2500 Monday – Wednesday & Friday 8:00am to 4:00 pm EST.

This recall is being made with the knowledge of the Food and Drug Administration. Guggisberg Cheese, Inc. is committed to food safety and providing our customers with the highest quality products. This voluntary recall is being conducted out of an abundance precaution for consumer safety.

Product Photos: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm541732.htm>

4. 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 (dscpconssafofc@dlamail.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.

5. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is CW3 Jemme Neal, Consumer Safety Officer at DLA-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2922, Commercial (215) 737-2922 or email: dscpconssafofc@dlamail.mil.

6. Individuals or groups that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to dscpconssafofc@dlamail.mil, with "add to list" in the subject line. To be removed from the list place "remove from list" in the subject line.

7. 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.

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