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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2017-015 Expansion of ALFOODACT 2017-011 Biery Cheese Co. Recalls Various Gouda Cheeses due to Possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination supplied by Deutsch Kase Haus, LLC

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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: Biery Cheese Co. is voluntarily recalling specialty Longhorn Colby cheese due to potential contamination of *Listeria monocytogenes*. *Listeria monocytogenes* is 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 systems such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women. On 02-15-17 the firm was notified by Deutsch Kase Haus, LLC of Middlebury, IN that they supplied Biery Cheese with various type cheeses that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. No illnesses have been reported to date.

3. Product Affected:

Brand	Description	Product Size	UPC Code	Sell By Date
Delallo	Premium Sliced Colby Cheese	8 oz	0 72368 12452 0	May/6/2017
Delallo	Premium Sliced Hot Pepper Cheese	8 oz	0 72368 12462 9	May/6/2017
Dietz & Watson	Pasteurized Process New York State Cheddar Cheese with Jalapeno and Cayenne	8 oz	0 31506 79412 4	May/6/2017
Dietz & Watson	Pepper Jack Cheese	8 oz.	0 31506 79450 6	May/6/2017
Private Selections	Hardwood Smoked Gouda Slice	8 oz.	0 11110 60861 1	05/06/17

The products were distributed between November 11, 2016 and January 4, 2017. These products were packaged at Biery Cheese Company in Louisville, OH and distributed to distribution centers located in the States of: Georgia, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. Customers who have purchased any of the cheese products listed above from the affected sell by dates or any unreadable date codes are urged not to consume it and return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Biery Cheese Co at 1-800-243-3731 Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm EST.

Biery Cheese is committed to food safety and providing our customers with the highest quality products. We are monitoring this issue to ensure the situation is resolved in a timely manner, and are working in full cooperation with the Food and Drug Administration to investigate this issue.

Product photos: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm542271.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/Pr epareSF364.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 (<u>dscpconssafofc@dla.mil</u>).

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: <u>dscpconssafofc@dla.mil</u>.

6. Individuals or groups that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to <u>dscpconssafofc@dla.mil</u>, 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: <u>http://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodSafety/fso/ALFOODACT.aspx</u> The navigation tool to the left allows you to also view DLA Troop Support Alerts and Archived Vendor Recalls.

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