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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2017-067 – Osamu Corporation Frozen Tuna – Elevated Levels of Mercury

Date Issued: 29 December 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.

2. Background: Samples of tuna from multiple Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) Sushi departments were submitted for routine laboratory sampling from multiple locations and lots. Multiple samples reportedly contained elevated levels of mercury. All affected tuna was sold through the Osamu Corporation, Carson, CA 90810, product of Indonesia, and caught from the Indian Ocean.

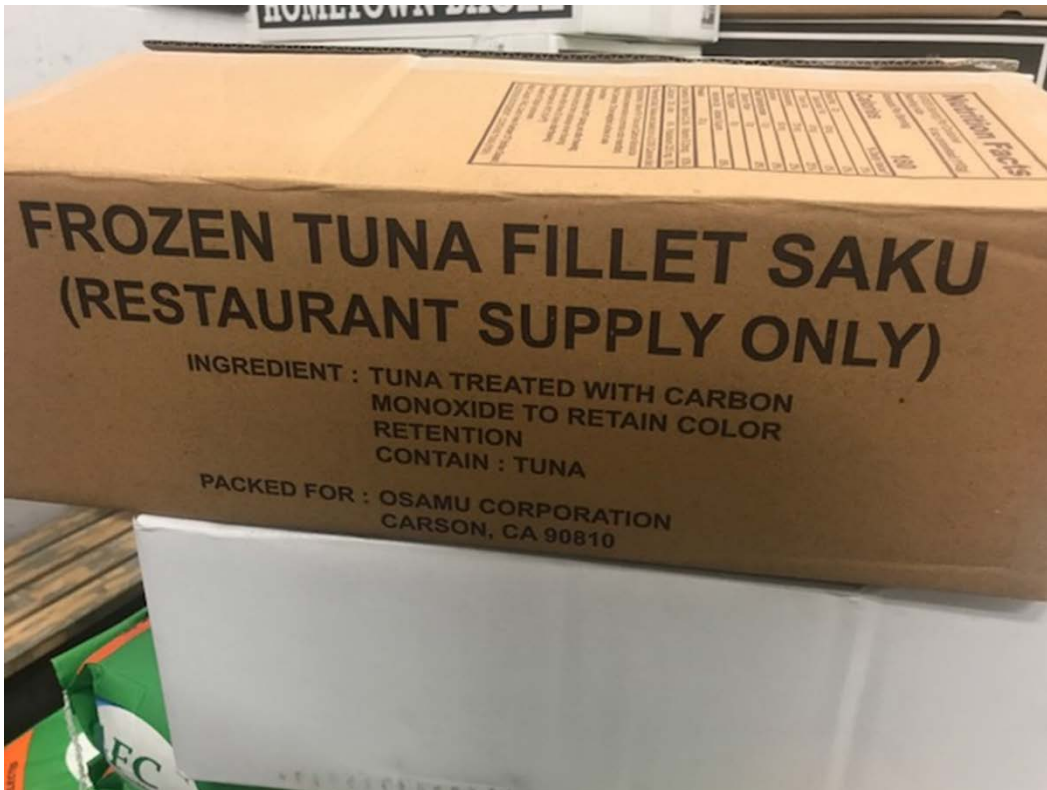
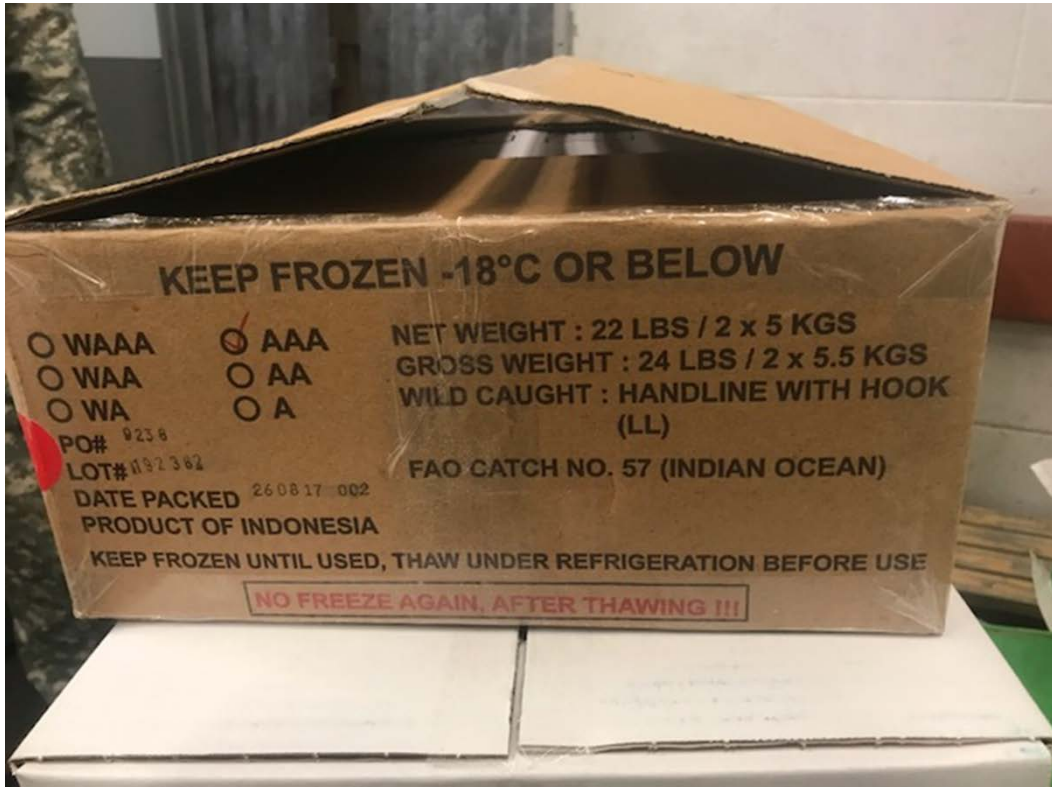
Exposure to mercury can cause serious health problems, such as kidney and nervous system damage. Mercury can also interfere with brain development in children. Signs and symptoms of mercury poisoning include, irritability, shyness, tremors, changes in vision or hearing, memory problems, depression, and numbness and tingling in hands, feet or around the mouth. The risks from mercury in fish depend on the amount of fish eaten and the levels of mercury in the fish. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) advises women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and young children to avoid some types of fish and eat fish and shellfish that are lower in mercury.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The product is used by DeCA at sushi deli counters/departments.

3. Product Affected: Osamu Corporation Tuna Fillet Saku (Product of Indonesia). All lots and all pack sizes of Osamu Corporation Tuna which says “**Product of Indonesia**” and/or “**caught from the Indian Ocean**” shall be placed on medical hold pending further investigation.

4. Product Photos:





5. Contact Information: DeCA Lead Consumer Safety Officer, Richard C. Stith, Jr. MS, BSc, CFSM Office (804) 734-8000 ext. 48458 or by email: [helpdesk@deca.mil](mailto:helpdesk@deca.mil).

6. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FINDINGS:

a. Air Force Public Health personnel involved in the installation pilot program, and Army Public Health personnel, report your negative and positive findings [HERE](#). If you are **not** in one of these two groups, please use the instructions below (paragraphs b-d).

NOTE: The Air Force is currently in a pilot program to utilize the VSIMS Subsistence Recalls application for ALFOODACT responses. Additional installations will be phased in over time. If you have been informed of this responsibility by your MAJCOM PHO or AFMSA, please use the link above. If not, please report your findings in accordance with your current policy.

b. Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Contractors, report positive and negative findings to your Accountable Officer.

c. 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 with reimbursement to the PV. The PV will submit credit invoice to the account manager at DLA Troop Support.

d. **AAFES, MWR, NEX, MCCS, DeCA, DLA, dining facilities, and all other agencies**, report your findings in accordance with the procedures outlined by your agency.

7. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is CW4 Jemme Neal, Consumer Safety Officer at DLA-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2922, Commercial (215) 737-2922 or email: [dscpconssafofc@dla.mil](mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil).

8. Individuals or groups that would like to BEGIN receiving recall messages electronically can submit request [HERE](#).

9. To STOP receiving recall messages, submit your request [HERE](#).

10. Previous recalls are available at the following web site:  
<http://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodSafety/fso/ALFOODACT.aspx>.

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