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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2018-026 – Pepsi Bottling Company recalls Diet Pepsi - Aspartame

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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.

2. Background: 16 oz. Diet Pepsi 6 pack as a portion of a production run has an outer wrap on the 6 pack that incorrectly states Aspartame Free. The bottles do contain Diet Pepsi with Aspartame and the labels on the primary package (bottle) clearly identify this.

FDA approved aspartame in 1981 (46 FR 38283) for uses, under certain conditions, as a tabletop sweetener, in chewing gum, cold breakfast cereals, and dry bases for certain foods (i.e., beverages, instant coffee and tea, gelatins, puddings, and fillings, and dairy products and toppings). In 1983 (48 FR 31376), FDA approved the use of aspartame in carbonated beverages and carbonated beverage syrup bases, and in 1996, FDA approved it for use as a "general purpose sweetener." It is not heat stable and loses its sweetness when heated, so it typically isn't used in baked goods.

Aspartame is one of the most exhaustively studied substances in the human food supply, with more than 100 studies supporting its safety. FDA scientists have reviewed scientific data regarding the safety of aspartame in food and concluded that it is safe for the general population under certain conditions. However, people with a rare hereditary disease known as phenylketonuria (PKU) have a difficult time metabolizing phenylalanine, a component of aspartame, and should control their intake of phenylalanine from all sources, including aspartame. Labels of aspartame-containing foods and beverages must include a statement that informs individuals with PKU that the product contains phenylalanine

https://www.fda.gov/Food/IngredientsPackagingLabeling/FoodAdditivesIngredients/ucm397725.htm

There have been no reports of any illnesses associated with this recall. Product is being recalled out of an abundance of caution.

3. Product affected:

Item Description	Lot Code #	Use By Date
16 oz. Diet Pepsi 6 pack (4x6 per case)	0647PS031481	JUN 18 18

PLEASE PLACE THE PRODUCT ON MEDICAL HOLD AND CONTACT YOUR SUPPLIER FOR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS

4. Product Labels/Pictures: None provided

5. Contact Information: None provided, please contact your distributor

6. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FINDINGS:
a. Army and Air Force Public Health personnel, report your negative and positive findings in the Veterinary Service Information Management System (VSIMS) Subsistence Recalls application. If you are not in one of these two groups, please use the instructions below (paragraphs b-d).

b. Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Contractors, report positive and negative findings to your Contracting Officer, Contracting Specialist, TVLS and dscpconssafofc@dla.mil within 72 hours:

Positive Response Information required: (Vendor must provide all of the following information):
1) ALFOODACT 201X-XXX
2) DLA Contract Number:
3) Unit of Measure:
4) Quantity Currently in Stock:
5) List of customers that received product AND (a-h) for each customer
    a. Customer name and location:
    b. DLA Purchase Order Number:
    c. Vendor Invoice Number:
    d. Item Stock number (LSN, NSN):
    e. Quantity Shipped:
    f. Date Shipped:
    g. Value of Affected Product:
    h. Amount of credit due:

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.

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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