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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2018-056 - Mondelēz Global LLC Conducts Voluntary Recall of Certain Ritz Cracker Sandwiches and Ritz Bits Product in the U.S., including Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands Due to Possible Health Risk

Date Issued: 21 July 2018

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: Mondelēz Global LLC announced today a voluntary recall in the United States, including Puerto Rico & the U.S. Virgin Islands, of certain *Ritz Cracker Sandwiches* and *Ritz Bits* product. These products contain whey powder as an ingredient, which the whey powder supplier has recalled due to the potential presence of *Salmonella*.

Salmonella is a microorganism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), 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 such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

This recall is limited exclusively to the products listed in the grid below, available at retail stores nationwide. No other Mondelēz Global LLC product is included in this recall.

There have been no complaints of illness reported to Mondelēz Global to date in connection with these products. The company is conducting this recall as a precaution, based on the ingredient supplier's recall.

This recall is being conducted with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

3. Product affected:

Description	Retail UPC	Best When Used By Dates	Package Image
RITZ BITS CHEESE BIG BAG 3 OZ	0 44000 00677 8	07 MAR 19 thru 13 APR 19	
RITZ BITS CHEESE 1 OZ	0 44000 02025 5	07 MAR 19 thru 13 APR 19	
RITZ BITS CHEESE 12 PACK CARTON	0 44000 02032 3	08 MAR 19 thru 13 APR 19	

RITZ BITS CHEESE 30 PACK CARTON	0 44000 01309 7	03 MAR 19 thru 13 APR 19	
RITZ BITS CHEESE 1.5 OZ	0 44000 00929 8	03 MAR 19 thru 13 APR 19	
RITZ BITZ CHEESE 3 OZ GO PACKS	0 44000 03215 9	07 MAR 19 thru 12 APR 19	
10.8OZ RITZ CHEESE CRACKER SANDWICHES	0 44000 88211 2	14 JAN 19 thru 11 FEB 19	
1.35 OZ RITZ CHEESE CRACKER SANDWICHES	0 44000 00211 4	14 JAN 19 thru 11 FEB 19	
10.8 OZ RITZ BACON CRACKER SANDWICHES WITH CHEESE	0 44000 04566 1	05 FEB 19 06 FEB 19	
1.35 OZ RITZ BACON CRACKER SANDWICHES WITH CHEESE	0 44000 04567 8	05 FEB 19 06 FEB 19	
10.8 OZ RITZ WHOLE WHEAT CRACKER SANDWICHES WITH WHITE CHEDDAR CHEESE	0 44000 04577 7	04 FEB 19 05 FEB 19	
1.35 OZ RITZ WHOLE WHEAT CRACKER SANDWICHES WITH WHITE CHEDDAR CHEESE	0 44000 04578 4	04 FEB 19 05 FEB 19	
10.8 OZ RITZ EVERYTHING CRACKER SANDWICHES WITH CREAM CHEESE	0 44000 04579 1	06 FEB 19 07 FEB 19 08 FEB 19	
1.35 OZ RITZ EVERYTHING CRACKER SANDWICHES WITH CREAM CHEESE	0 44000 04580 7	06 FEB 19 07 FEB 19 08 FEB 19	
MIXED COOKIE CRACKER VARIETY 20 PACK	0 44000 04100 7	01 FEB 19 thru 04 FEB 19	
MIXED COOKIE CRACKER VARIETY 40 PACK	0 44000 04221 0	31 JAN 19 thru 05 FEB 19	

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

4. Product Labels/Pictures: Please see above tables.

5. Contact Information: Consumers who have these products should not eat them, and should discard any products they may have. Consumers can contact the company at 1-844-366 -1171, 24 hours a day to get more information about the recall, and Consumer Relations specialists are available Monday-Friday, 9am to 6pm EST.

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 CW3 Garcia, Eugene, Food Safety Officer at DLA-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-4847, Commercial (215) 737-4847 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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