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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2019-016 – Theo Chocolate Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk in 3oz Sea Salt 70% Dark Chocolate Bars

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1. REFERENCES:

a. DHA-MSR 6025.01/AR 40-660/ DLAR 6025.01/NAVSUPINST 10110.8D/AFI 48-161_IP/MCO 10110.38D, DOD Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System, 6 September 2018.

2. Background: Theo Chocolate of Seattle, WA is voluntarily recalling 3oz Sea Salt 70% Dark Chocolate bars because they may contain undeclared milk. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to milk run the risk of a serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume this product.

No illnesses have been reported to-date.

The affected product was distributed nationwide to select retailers from January 30th, 2019 to March 11th, 2019.

The recall was initiated after it was discovered that a small number of 3oz Salted Toffee Dark Chocolate bars were mis-labeled with 3oz Sea Salt 70% Dark Chocolate labels and shipped to select distributors, retail stores and consumers. The toffee contains butter, which is a milk allergen, but the 3oz Sea Salt 70% Dark Chocolate label does not declare milk.

Consumers who have the product with the lot code and Best-By date listed below and have an allergy or severe sensitivity to milk, should not consume the product and immediately dispose of the product.

For retailers, sale of the product with the lot code and Best-By date listed below should stop immediately. Product should be removed from shelves and disposed.

This recall is being made with the knowledge of the U.S. Food & Drug Administration.

3. Product affected: Theo Chocolate 3oz Sea Salt 70% Dark Chocolate **UPC 8 74492 00325 8** and features **lot code 3092529** with a **Best-By date of 1/2020**. The lot code and Best-By date are found on the back side of the bar's packaging. **No other product sold under the Theo Chocolate brand is affected by the recall.**

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

4. Product Labels/Pictures:



5. Contact Information: Anyone with questions or concerns about this matter can call 866-800-2920 or email Questions@TheoChocolate.com, 8am – 5pm EST, Monday – Friday.

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. Navy:

SHIPS AT SEA: Must report positive and negative findings to supporting Veterinary Service unit. Are authorized to destroy or dispose of recalled products utilizing the procedures and reporting requirements outlined in NAVSUP P-486 Paragraph 5302 and 6000(4), to include completion of a DD Form 200 and Standard Form 364. Procedures for completing the DD Form 200 are found in NAVSUP P-486 Paragraph 6001. Procedures for completing Standard Form 364 are found in NAVSUP P-486 Paragraph 5300(2)(c).

SHIPS IN PORT/HOMEPORTED/ASHORE GALLEYS: Supporting Veterinary Service unit will conduct inspection and report positive and negative findings in VSIMS Subsistence Recalls application. Contact the appropriate DLA Account Manager via Regional NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (NAVSUP FLC) to arrange pickup of recall items. Contact your supporting (NAVSUP FLC) for any issues regarding PV Pickup. Proceed with the same guidance as above.

c. 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:

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 MAJ Gray, Janas, Food Safety Officer at DLA-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2934, Commercial (215) 737-2934 or email: dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

8. Individuals or groups that would like to BEGIN receiving recall messages electronically can submit request usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-vsims@mail.mil. Copy and paste email address in to your email platform and ensure you title the subject accordingly.

9. To STOP receiving recall messages, submit your request usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-vsims@mail.mil. Copy and paste email address in to your email platform and ensure you title the subject accordingly.

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

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