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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2019-046 – General Mills Voluntary Recall of 5-lbs. Gold Medal Unbleached All Purpose Flour due to Potential Presence of *E. coli* O26

Date Issued: 17 September 2019

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: General Mills announced a voluntary national recall of five-pound bags of its Gold Medal Unbleached All Purpose Flour with a better if used by date of September 6, 2020.

The recall is being issued for the potential presence of *E. coli* O26 which was discovered during sampling of the five-pound bag product. This recall is being issued out of an abundance of care as General Mills has not received any direct consumer reports of confirmed illnesses related to this product.

This recall only affects this one date code of Gold Medal Unbleached All Purpose Flour five-pound bags. All other types of Gold Medal Flour are not affected by this recall.

Consumers are asked to check their pantries and dispose of the product affected by this recall. Consumers who have had to discard products covered by this recall may contact General Mills Consumer Relations at 1-800-230-8103 or visit www.generalmills.com/flour.

Guidance from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to warn that consumers should refrain from consuming any raw products made with flour. *E. coli* O26 is killed by heat through baking, frying, sautéing or boiling products made with flour. All surfaces, hands and utensils should be properly cleaned after contact with flour or dough.

3. PRODUCT AFFECTED:

Gold Medal Unbleached All Purpose 5-LB Flour
Package UPC: 016000 196100
Recalled Better if Used by Date: 06SEP2020KC

4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES:



5. CONTACT INFORMATION: Consumers should contact General Mills Corporate Communications for questions or concerns, Phone: 1-800-230-8103.

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 courtesy copy (CC) 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. Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is CW4 Marivic J. Brown, Consumer Safety Officer at DLA-Troop Support, DSN: 312-444-2678, Commercial 215-737-2678 or email: dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

8. Individuals or groups that would like to BEGIN/STOP receiving recall messages electronically can submit request to: 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. Previous recalls are available at the following web site: <https://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodSafety/fso/ALFOODACT/>.

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