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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2019-073 – Almark Foods Recalls Hard Cooked Egg Products in Pails Due to Possible *Listeria monocytogenes* Contamination

Date Issued: 20 December 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: Almark Foods is voluntarily recalling Hard-Boiled and Peeled Eggs in white plastic pails with white plastic lids due to the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, a *Listeria monocytogenes* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

On December 18, 2019 the firm was notified by FDA that Almark Foods' Hard-Boiled and Peeled Eggs in pails produced at its Gainesville, Georgia facility may be associated with a *Listeria monocytogenes* foodborne illness investigation, which remains ongoing.

On December 20, 2019, out of an abundance of caution, Almark Foods announced a voluntarily recall on all Hard-Cooked and Peeled Eggs in Pails produced at its Gainesville, Georgia facility that remain within expiry.

The products were distributed to food service companies in (GA, CA, MS, NC, PA, TN, IA, MO, AL, FL, AZ). These products were packaged in 20, 23, and 25-pound plastic pails and sold primarily to further processing plants of egg products and restaurant chain suppliers.

Other products produced by Almark are not affected by this recall.

The Company has suspended production of the recalled egg products in pails at its Gainesville facility to further investigate the issue.

This voluntary recall is being made with the knowledge of the Food and Drug Administration, CDC, public health and regulatory officials in several states, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are investigating a multistate outbreak of *Listeria monocytogenes* infections linked to hard-boiled eggs: <https://www.cdc.gov/listeria/outbreaks/eggs-12-19/index.html>

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3. PRODUCT AFFECTED:

Product Name	Size	Product ID	Use By Date
Almark Foods Hard Cooked Broken Egg Whites	20 LBS	42020	12/19/2019, 1/23/2020, 1/24/2020
Almark Hard-cooked Eggs	20 LBS	30020	1/29/2020, 2/10/2020, 2/24/2019, 2/14/2020
Eggs Select Whole Hard Cooked Peeled Eggs	23 LBS	64023-05	1/27/2020
Nic's Peeled Pearls 23lb Salad Grade Hard-Boiled Eggs	23 LBS	17394	1/20/2020, 2/3/2020, 2/4/2020, 2/24/2020
Nic's Peeled Pearls, Nic's Salad Grade Hard-boiled Eggs	20 LBS	17395	12/24/2019, 12/25/2019, 12/31/2019, 1/6/2020, 1/7/2020, 1/8/2020, 1/13/2020, 1/14/2020, 1/28/2020, 1/28/2020, 1/29/2020, 2/4/2020, 2/5/2020
Rainbow Farms 20 LB Hard-Cooked Peeled Eggs	20 LBS	60020	1/13/2020, 1/20/2020, 1/21/2020, 1/22/2020, 1/27/2020, 1/28/2020, 1/29/2020, 2/3/2020, 2/10/2020, 2/11/2020, 2/14/2020, 2/17/2020, 2/18/2020, 2/24/2020
Rainbow Farms 23 LB Hard Cooked Peeled Eggs	23 LBS	60023	1/13/2020, 1/15/2019, 1/20/2020, 1/22/2019, 1/27/2020, 1/29/2020, 2/3/2020, 2/10/2020, 2/13/2020, 2/17/2020, 2/19/2020, 2/24/2020, 2/26/2020
Rainbow Farms 23 LB Hard Cooked Peeled Eggs in Vinegar	23 LBS	60023V	1/22/2020, 2/13/2020
Rainbow Farms 25 LB Hard Cooked, Peeled Eggs	25 LBS	60025	1/13/2020, 1/28/2020, 2/13/2020, 2/17/2020
Sutherland's Food Service Inc., Premium Hard Cooked Peeled Select Whole Eggs	20 LBS	60020-3	1/15/2020

****IMMEDIATELY DISCONTINUE USE OF PRODUCTS AND PLACE ON MEDICAL HOLD. CONTACT YOUR SUPPLIER FOR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS**

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4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES:



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5. CONTACT INFORMATION: Customers with questions may contact Almark Foods' Customer Helpline at (877) 546-0454 Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm EST.

6. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FINDINGS:

a. Army Veterinary 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.

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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 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, MCCA, 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 CPT Adelaide Green, Food Safety Officer at DLA TS at Commercial (215) 737-7788, DSN: 312-444-7788 or email: dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

8. Individuals or groups that would like to BEGIN/STOP receiving recall messages electronically can submit requests to usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-vsims@mail.mil. Copy and paste email address into 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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