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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2019-075 – Almark Foods Expands Recall to all Products from its Georgia Facility Due to Possible *Listeria monocytogenes* Contamination

Date Issued: 24 December 2019

Updates highlighted in Red.

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 expanding its voluntary recall** first announced on December 20, 2019, **to include all hard-boiled eggs manufactured at the firm's Gainesville, Georgia facility, including all retail, pillow pack, pouch pack, frozen diced, and protein kit products**, due to potential contamination 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, headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, a *Listeria monocytogenes* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

On December 18, 2019 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration notified Almark Foods that the company's Hard-Boiled and Peeled eggs in pails manufactured at the Gainesville facility may be associated with a *Listeria monocytogenes* outbreak that has been linked to several reported illnesses and one reported death. A more recent FDA sample from the facility also matched the outbreak strain, suggesting the possibility that the strain may have remained present in the facility.

Almark has also temporarily suspended all production at its Gainesville plant.

The products were distributed nationwide.

3. PRODUCT AFFECTED: **Almark is voluntarily expanding its recall to include all product packaged for the retail market manufactured at its Gainesville plant that remains within shelf life. This includes product with "Best If Used By" dates up through March 2, 2020.**

The affected product can be identified by viewing the printed "Best If Used By" date coding on the product package. If the "Best If Used By" code starts with the prefix "G", the product was manufactured at the company's Gainesville, Georgia facility and is subject to this recall. Products with the prefix "N" or "Y" are not subject to this recall. For Protein Kit products, consumers are advised to check the code on the actual egg package within the kit.

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Brand	Product
7 Select	2 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs w/salt/pepper
Almark Foods	Classic ProBox Mini
Almark Foods	Smokehouse PROBox Mini
Almark Foods	Barbecue Probox Mini
Almark Foods	Classic ProBox
Almark Foods	Smokehouse ProBox
Almark Foods	Barbecue ProBox
Almark Foods	12 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
Almark Foods	Hard-Cooked Eggs - 5# Bag
Almark Foods	1 Count Hard Cooked Eggs
Almark Foods	2 Count Hard Cooked Eggs
Almark Foods	Cage Free Hard-Cooked Eggs - 5# Bag
Almark Foods	Cage Free 1 Count Hard Cooked Eggs
Almark Foods	Organic 12 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
Almark Foods	Red Beet 2 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
Almark Foods	Cage Free 2 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs w/salt/pepper
Almark Foods	Cage Free 2 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
Almark Foods	Cage Free 6 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
Almark Foods	Cage Free 12 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
Almark Foods	2 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs w/salt/pepper
Almark Foods	6 count Hard-Cooked eggs
Almark Foods	Three 2 counts in Clamshell Hard Cooked Eggs
Almark Foods	Organic 2 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
Almark Foods	12 Count Cage Free Hard-Cooked Eggs
Best Choice	Three 2 counts in Clamshell Hard Cooked Eggs
CMI	12 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
CMI	12 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
Dairy Fresh	Great Value 6 Count Stand-Up Pouch Hard-Cooked Eggs
Dairy Fresh	2 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
Deb-El	Deb-El 12 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
Egglands Best	6 Count Stand up Pouch Cage Free Hard Cooked Eggs

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Egglands Best	Egglands Best Hard-Cooked Eggs - 5# Bag
Egglands Best	1 count Egglands Best Hard Cooked Eggs
Egglands Best	Egglands Best Cage Free Hard-Cooked Eggs - 5# Bag
Egglands Best	2 Count Egglands Best Eggs w/salt/pepper
Egglands Best	12 Count Stand up Pouch Hard Cooked Eggs
Egglands Best	10 Count Stand up Pouch Hard Cooked Eggs
Egglands Best	6 Count Stand up Pouch Hard Cooked Eggs
Egglands Best	2 Count Egglands Best Eggs
Egglands Best	6 Count Stand up Pouch Organic Hard Cooked Eggs
Everyday Essentials	6 Count Hard-Cooked eggs
Farmers Hen House	6 Count Stand up Pouch Hard Cooked Eggs
Food Club	Food Club 6 Count Stand-Up Pouch Hard-Cooked Eggs
Fresh Thyme	Fresh Thyme 6 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
Fresh Thyme	Fresh Thyme 2 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
Giant Eagle	Giant Eagle 6 Count Stand-Up Pouch Cage Free Hard-Cooked Eggs
Great Day	2 Count Hard Cooked Eggs
Great Day	6 Count Hard-Cooked eggs
Great Value	Great Value 6 Count Stand-Up Pouch Hard-Cooked Eggs
Inspired Organics	6 Count Stand up Pouch Organic Hard Cooked Eggs
Inspired Organics	2 Count Organic Hard-Cooked Eggs
Kirkland Signature	2 count Organic Hard-cooked Eggs
Kroger	Three Cage Free 2 counts in Clamshell Hard Cooked Eggs
LIDL	LIDL 6 Count Stand-Up Pouch Hard-Cooked Eggs
Lucerne	Lucerne 6 Count Stand-Up Pouch Cage Free Hard-Cooked Eggs
Members Mark	Jack'd Protein Snack
Naturally Better	6 Count Stand-Up Pouch Cage Free Hard-Cooked Eggs
Nellie's	2 Count Nellie's Hard-Cooked Eggs
O Organics	2 Count Organic Hard-Cooked Eggs w/Salt/Pepper
O Organics	6 Count Stand up Pouch Organic Hard Cooked Eggs
Peckish	Two 1 Counts boxed Hard Cooked Eggs--With Dip
Peckish	1 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs

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Brand	Product
Pete & Gerry's	6 Count Stand up Pouch Organic Hard Cooked Eggs
Pete & Gerry's	2 Count Organic Hard-Cooked Eggs
Rainbow Farms	Rainbow Diced Egg - 5# Bag
Rainbow Farms	12 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs
Rainbow Farms	Rainbow Farms Hard-Cooked Eggs - 5# Bag
Rembrandt Foods	Rembrandt Diced Egg - 5# Bag
Rembrandt Foods	12 Count Cage Free Hard-Cooked Eggs
ShopRite	ShopRite 6 Count Stand-Up Pouch Cage Free Hard-Cooked Eggs
Simple Truth Organics	6 Count Organic Hard-Cooked Eggs
Sunshine	2 Count Hard-Cooked Eggs w/salt/pepper
Vital Farms	Vital Farms Pature Raised Hard-Cooked Eggs - 5# Bag
Vital Farms	Three Boxed 2 Counts Pature Raised Hard-Cooked Eggs
Vital Farms	2 Count Pasture Raised Hard-Cooked Eggs w/salt/pepper
Wild Harvest	6 Count Organic Hard-Cooked Eggs

TABLE BELOW LIST RECALLED PRODUCTS FROM ALFOODACT 2019-073

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

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Product Name	Size	Product ID	Use By Date
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**

4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES: Photos/labels not provided by the firm.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION: **Customers who have purchased these products are urged to immediately discard and not consume the products. 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. Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is the undersigned 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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