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SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 2020-003 – Lindt & Sprüngli (USA) Inc. Recalls One Lot of its Excellence 85% Cocoa Bar (Undeclared Milk)

Date Issued: 15 February 2020

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: Out of an abundance of caution, Lindt & Sprüngli (USA) Inc. is voluntarily recalling one lot of its Lindt Excellence 85% Cocoa chocolate bar distributed in the state of New York because it may contain undeclared milk allergens in amounts that exceed thresholds established by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. The product is labeled with a precautionary statement “May Contain Milk” just beneath the ingredient declaration to alert consumers who are allergic to milk.

The recall is limited to Lindt Excellence 85% Cocoa chocolate bars sold in New York state, labeled with a Best Before date of 08-31-2020, Lot Code L4809, and UPC Code 0-37466-01645-0.

The recall was initiated after the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets conducted routine sampling of one bar purchased at a New York retailer and subsequent analysis of that bar by the New York State Food Laboratory revealed the presence of undeclared milk allergen at levels above the threshold established by the Department.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a healthcare provider.

3. PRODUCT AFFECTED: 3.5-oz. packages containing “Lindt Excellence 85% Cocoa” UPC 0-37466-01645-0 with lot code L4809 and “Best Before date of 08-31-2020” represented on the label.

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

4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES:



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5. CONTACT INFORMATION: Consumers with questions about the recall can contact New York Agriculture Offices: Albany Press Office [\(518\) 457-0752](tel:5184570752), State Fair Press Office [\(315\) 487-7711](tel:3154877711).

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.

c. Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Contractors: Report positive and negative findings to your Contracting Officer, Contracting Specialist, TVLS and [dscpconssafofc@dla.mil](mailto: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](mailto:dscpconssafofc@dla.mil).

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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](mailto: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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