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ALFOODACT 2022-005

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: TCP HOT Acquisition LLC dba HRB Brands Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Sure and Brut Aerosol Sprays Due to the Presence of Benzene

1. **REFERENCE.** 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. **COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT. FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – Westport, Connecticut, TCP HOT Acquisition LLC dba HRB Brands is voluntarily recalling all lot numbers with expiration dates on or before August 2023 of the Sure and Brut Aerosol Sprays listed in the table below to the consumer level due to the presence of benzene. While benzene is not an ingredient in any of the recalled products, our review showed that unexpected levels of benzene came from the propellant that sprays the product out of the can. These products were owned and distributed by Helen of Troy Limited prior to June 7, 2021.

Benzene is classified as a human carcinogen. Exposure to benzene can occur by inhalation, orally, and through the skin and it can result in cancers including leukemia and blood cancer of the bone marrow and blood disorders which can be life-threatening. Benzene is prevalent in the environment. Humans around the world have daily exposures to it indoors and outdoors from multiple sources. To date, no reports of adverse events related to this recall have been reported. This voluntary recall is being conducted out of an abundance of caution.

The voluntarily recalled products are packaged in aerosol cans and are used as deodorants to prevent or mask body odor or antiperspirants to reduce sweating. The products were distributed nationally in the United States, except for Brut Aerosol Deodorant, 154g, which was distributed in Canada. Consumers should stop using the recalled products if the expiration date is on or before August 2023 and dispose of them appropriately.

Retailers of these products are also being notified by recall letter and are arranging for return of all recalled products. Distributors and retailers that have recalled product should stop distribution of those products.

This recall is being conducted with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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3. PRODUCTS AFFECTED:

BRAND	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	UPC	EXPIRATION DATE
Brut	Classic Antiperspirant Aerosol, 4oz	00827755070085	On or Before August 2023
Brut	Classic Antiperspirant Aerosol, 6oz	00827755070108	
Brut	Classic Deodorant Aerosol, 154g	00827755070177	
Brut	Classic Deodorant Aerosol, 10oz	00827755070047	
Sure	Regular Antiperspirant Aerosol, 6oz	00883484002025	
Sure	Unscented Antiperspirant Aerosol, 6oz	00883484002278	

4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES:





5. **CONTACT INFORMATION.** Consumers with questions regarding this recall can contact TCP HOT Acquisition LLC by calling 1-866-615-0976 Monday to Friday from 8:30am–5pm (PT). Consumers may also access www.brutsurerecall2022.com to request a product refund and for additional information. Consumers should contact their physician or healthcare provider if they have experienced any problems that may be related to using these recalled products.

Complete and submit the report **Online:** www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm

Regular Mail or Fax: Download form www.fda.gov/MedWatch/getforms.htm or call 1-800-332-1088 to request a reporting form, then complete and return to the address on the pre-addressed form, or submit by fax to 1-800-FDA-0178.

6. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FINDINGS.

a. **Army Veterinary Services and Air Force Public Health Personnel:** Report 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:**

1) 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).

2) 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 in the paragraph above.

c. **Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Contractors:** Report positive and negative findings to your Contracting Officer, Contracting Specialist, TVLS, and dscpeconssafofc@dla.mil within 72-hours.

Positive Response Information required: (Vendor must provide all the following information):

- 1) ALFOODACT 2021-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.

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7. If you know of others who need to receive Subsistence Recall messages, click [Subscribe](#). If you no longer need to receive Subsistence Recall messages, click [Unsubscribe](#).

8. Previous recalls are available on the DLA-TS Food Safety Office website:
<https://www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/Subsistence/FoodSafety/fso/ALFOODACT/>.

9. Point of contact for ALFOODACT messages is the undersigned at commercial telephone 215-737-2678/DSN: 312-444-2678, or dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

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