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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Old Europe Cheese, Inc. Issues Voluntary Recall of Its Brie and Camembert Cheeses Due to Possible Health Risk

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:** Old Europe Cheese, Inc. of Benton Harbor, MI is issuing a voluntary recall of its Brie and Camembert cheeses because of potential contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*, 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, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Consumers who have purchased the stated Brie and Camembert products are urged not to consume it and discard the product. FDA recommends in these cases that anyone who purchased or received any recalled products to use extra vigilance in cleaning and sanitizing any surfaces and containers that may have come in contact with these products to reduce the risk of cross-contamination. *Listeria* can survive in refrigerated temperatures and can easily spread to other foods and surfaces.

This action was triggered after a full environmental audit of 120 samples, both of the product and of the company's facilities. None of the products showed contamination, but one of the facilities' samples tested positive. The strain from that positive case has been linked to 6 cases of Listeriosis dating from 2017 to 2022. These cases were not previously linked to this company's products, but Old Europe Cheese decided to do this voluntary recall in order to avoid any risk to their customers

The Company has decided to voluntarily initiate the product recall based on these results and with a focus on their consumers' health. The source of potential contamination has been identified and Old Europe Cheese is taking active measures to eliminate it. Production of these products has been stopped and will not restart until the Company has full confidence in the

effectivity of the applied measures.

The company is working closely with state and federal authorities and with its clients to make this voluntary recall as fast and efficient as possible. The quality and safety of our products is our number one priority. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused by this situation. Old Europe Cheese's top priority is the health of our customers.

3. PRODUCTS AFFECTED: The products were distributed from August 01, 2022, through September 28, 2022, and were available at supermarkets, wholesale and retail stores nationwide and Mexico; retailers include Albertsons, Safeway, Meijer, Harding's, Shaw's, Price Chopper, Market Basket, Raley's, Save Mart, Giant Foods, Stop & Shop, Fresh Thyme, Lidl, Sprouts, Athenian Foods, Whole Foods. This list may not include all retail establishments that have received the recalled product or may include retail establishments that did not actually receive the recalled product. **All Old Europe Cheese Brie and Camembert products with best by dates through 12/14/2022 are subject to the voluntary recall.**

The following products being recalled are marked with **Best By Dates ranging from September 28, 2022 to December 14, 2022**. Retailers may have repackaged bulk Old Europe Cheese items into smaller containers and sold this repackaged product to consumers. This repackaged product may not bear the original labeling and product information as described below:

Brand	Product Name	UPC Code
BLACK BEAR	6 lb Black Bear Wheel	N/A
BLOCK AND BARREL	2.2 lb Block and Barrel Brie	078982603281
BLOCK AND BARREL	6.6 lb Block and Barrel Brie	N/A
CHARMANT	2.2 lb Brie - double crème, whole wheel - CHARMANT	N/A
CHARMANT	8 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	033421023860
COBBLESTONE	2.2 lb Cobblestone Brie Wheel	822486179809
CULINARY TOUR	8 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	011225005145
CULINARY TOUR	8 oz Brie - double crème, wedges, saran wrapped	N/A
FREDERICKS	8 oz Brie - dbl crème, wedges, saran wrapped	N/A
FREDERICKS	8 oz Brie - triple crème, rounds	708820301214
FRESH THYME	8 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	841330111994
FRESH THYME	8 oz Brie - triple crème, rounds	841330111987
FRESH THYME	8 oz Brie - wedges, saran wrapped	N/A
FRESH THYME	8 oz Camembert-Traditionnel rounds	841330111970
GLENVIEW FARMS	2.2 lb Brie - double crème, whole wheel	758108121355
GLENVIEW FARMS	3.25 lb Brie-double crème, rectangular RW	758108670150
GOOD AND GATHER	8 oz Good and Gather Wheel	085239047620
HEINEN	8 oz Brie - triple crème, rounds	020601418028
JOAN OF ARC	14 oz Joan of Arc Brie Wheel	711565129111
JOAN OF ARC	2.2 lb Joan of Arc Herb and Garlic Wheel	N/A
JOAN OF ARC	2.2 lb Joan of Arc Peppercorn Wheel	N/A
JOAN OF ARC	6.5 lb Joan of Arc Triple Creme Wheel	N/A
JOAN OF ARC	8 oz Joan of Arc Camembert Wheel	711565112243
JOAN OF ARC	8 oz Joan of Arc Double Cream Wedge	711565204993
JOAN OF ARC	8 oz Joan of Arc Double Creme Wheel	711565112236
JOAN OF ARC	8 oz Joan of Arc Slicing Brie	711565200520

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Brand	Product Name	UPC Code
JOAN OF ARC	8 oz Joan of Arc Triple Creme Wheel	711565129104
LA BONNE VIE	14 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	820581678678
LA BONNE VIE	2.2 lb Brie - double crème, whole wheel	820581678685
LA BONNE VIE	6.5 lb Brie - double crème, whole wheel RW	820581678692
LA BONNE VIE	7 oz Brie - dbl crème w/Herbs, wedges, foil wrapped	820581678661
LA BONNE VIE	7 oz Brie - double crème, wedges, foil wrapped	820581678654
LA BONNE VIE	8 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	820581678531
LA BONNE VIE	8 oz Brie - triple crème, rounds	820581678746
LA BONNE VIE	8 oz Camembert - double crème, rounds	820581678616
LIDL	8 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	4056489151739
LIFE IN PROVENCE	8 oz Brie - rounds	787984111952
MARKET 32	14 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	41735052865
MARKET 32	8 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	41735052834
MARKET 32	8 oz Brie - double crème, wedges, saran wrapped	41735052872
MARKET 32	8 oz Brie - triple crème, rounds	41735052858
MARKET 32	8 oz Brie-dbl crème w/Herbs, wedges, saran wrapped	41735052889
MARKET 32	8 oz Camembert - Traditionnel double crème, rounds	41735052841
MATRIE 'D	2.2 lb Matrie'd Wheel	780487488422
METROPOLITAN	6.5 lb Metropolitan Wheel	N/A
METROPOLITAN	8 oz Metropolitan Wheel	711565007679
PRESTIGE	8 oz Brie - triple crème, rounds	021140033635
PRIMO TAGLIO	6.5 lb Brie - w/Herbs, whole wheel	N/A
PRIMO TAGLIO	8 oz - w/Herbs, wedges	21004900002
PRIMO TAGLIO	8 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	021130045679
PRIMO TAGLIO	8 oz Brie - slicing rectangle	021130098453
PRIMO TAGLIO	8 oz Brie - triple crème, rounds - ST ROCCO	133421027865
RED APPLE	7 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	604262030005
RED APPLE	8 oz Brie - double crème, wedges, saran wrapped	604262030036
Reny Picot	1 lb Brie - double crème, slicing rectangle	033421024201
Reny Picot	14 oz Brie - double crème w/Herbs, rounds	033421022764
Reny Picot	14 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	033421022757
Reny Picot	14 oz Camembert - double crème, rounds	033421022795
Reny Picot	2.2 lb Brie - double crème, whole wheel	N/A
Reny Picot	2.2 lb Brie - triple crème, whole wheel	N/A
Reny Picot	3.25 lb Brie - double crème, rectangular	N/A
Reny Picot	6.5 lb Brie - double crème w/Herbs, whole wheel	N/A
Reny Picot	6.5 lb Brie - double crème, whole wheel RW - RENY PICOT	N/A
Reny Picot	6.5 lb Brie - triple crème, whole wheel	N/A
Reny Picot	6.5 lb Brie-dbl crème w/Peppercorn, whole wheel	N/A
Reny Picot	6.5 lb Camembert - double crème, whole wheel	N/A
Reny Picot	7 oz Brie - double crème w/Herbs, wedges, foil wrapped	033421022429
Reny Picot	7 oz Brie - double crème, rounds no cups	N/A
Reny Picot	7 oz Brie - double crème, wedges, foil wrapped	033421022417
Reny Picot	8 oz Brie - dbl crème w/Peppercorn, wedges, saran wrapped	N/A
Reny Picot	8 oz Brie - dbl crème, wedges, saran wrap RW	N/A
Reny Picot	8 oz Brie - double crème w/Herbs, wedges, saran wrapped	N/A
Reny Picot	8 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	033421022863
Reny Picot	8 oz Brie - double crème, slicing rectangle	033421024300
Reny Picot	8 oz Brie - double crème, wedges, saran wrapped	N/A

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Brand	Product Name	UPC Code
Reny Picot	8 oz Brie - triple crème, rounds - ST ROCCO	133421027865
Reny Picot	8 oz Brie - trpl crème, wedges, saran wrap RW - ST ROCCO	N/A
Reny Picot	8 oz Brie - wedges, saran wrapped	033421022313
Reny Picot	8 oz Camembert - double crème, rounds	033421022900
Reny Picot	8 oz Camembert - Traditionnel double crème, rounds	033421024904
ST RANDEAUX	14 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	636625003401
ST RANDEAUX	2.2 lb Brie - double crème, whole wheel	N/A
ST RANDEAUX	6.5 lb Brie - double crème, whole wheel RW	N/A
ST RANDEAUX	8 oz Brie - dbl crème w/Herbs, wedges, saran wrpd RW	N/A
ST RANDEAUX	8 oz Brie - dbl crème w/Pepper, wedges, saran wrpd RW	N/A
ST RANDEAUX	8 oz Brie - double crème, rounds	636625003418
ST RANDEAUX	8 oz Brie - triple crème, rounds	636625003548
ST RANDEAUX	8 oz Camembert - Traditionnel, rounds	636625003425
TASTE OF INSPIRATION	8 oz Brie - rounds	725439802550
TASTE OF INSPIRATION	8 oz Brie - triple crème, rounds	725439999731
TASTE OF INSPIRATION	8 oz Brie - w/Herb center layer, rounds	725439802567
TASTE OF INSPIRATION	8 oz Brie - wedges, saran wrapped	N/A
TRADER JOE	8 oz Trader Joe Slicing	00505086

**Immediately discontinue use/sale of products and place on medical hold. Contact your supplier for disposition instructions.*

4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES:



5. CONTACT INFORMATION. Old Europe Cheese has set up a telephone line to answer any questions about this recall, The number is 269-925-5003 ext 335 and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am-12:30pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm ET.

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)

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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 dscpconssafofc@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.

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](#).

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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 215-737-7788/DSN: 312-444-7788, or dscpconssafofc@dlamilitary.com.

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