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ALFOODACT 2022-042

November 3, 2022

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: DoD Initiates Recall on Cut Okra, Frozen, 12 oz. Due to Nonconforming Lab Results

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. **BACKGROUND:** This recall has been initiated due to nonconforming laboratory results in a sample of Cut Okra, Frozen, 12 oz., which tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The result does not meet the requirement defined in the “Department of Defense Food Safety and Quality Assurance Laboratory Action Levels” table, as published in Appendix O of the USAPHC Circular 40-1, “Worldwide Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments for Armed Forces Procurement.”

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, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

3. **PRODUCTS AFFECTED:** The Cut Okra, Frozen, 12 oz. is distributed by The Pictsweet Company.

| BRAND | PRODUCT DESCRIPTION | UPC | PRODUCT CODE | USE-BY DATE |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Pictsweet Farms | Cut Okra, Frozen, 12 oz. | 7056085615 | BIUB June 23, 2024 174 2IJ R | June 23, 2024 |

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

4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES:



5. **CONTACT INFORMATION.** This recall does not include a point of contact for the company. For questions regarding this message contact the Consumer Safety Officer.

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).

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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](#).

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

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9. Point of contact for ALFOODACT messages is the undersigned at commercial telephone 215-737-0329/DSN: 312-444-0329, or dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

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