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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Recall Reminder - Gerber Products Company Previously Recalled and Discontinued All Batches of Gerber® Soothe N Chew® Teething Sticks Due To Potential Choking Hazards

- 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:** On January 31, 2025, Gerber Products Company initiated a recall and discontinuation of all batches of GERBER® SOOTHE N CHEW® TEETHING STICKS due to a potential choking hazard for babies and young children. A second press release about this recall is being issued due to recent reports of recalled products still available for sale on some retailer shelves and online. The previous announcement, ALFOODACT 2025-008, on February 2nd is linked here.

The recall was initiated after receiving consumer complaints of choking incidents. Consumers who may have purchased GERBER® SOOTHE N CHEW® TEETHING STICKS should not feed this product to their child and can return the product to the retailer where it was purchased for a full refund. Consumers who find the product for sale in the market should not purchase the product.

The company has been working with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) on this recall and will cooperate with them fully. Gerber sincerely apologize for any concern or inconvenience this action represents to parents, caregivers and retail customers.

- 3. **PRODUCTS AFFECTED:** Recalled products can be identified as follows:
 - Gerber Snacks for Baby soothe 'n' chew Teething Sticks, Strawberry Apple, Net Wt 3.2
 Oz (90g), with UPC 0 15000 04618 7, all lot codes
 - Gerber Snacks for Baby soothe 'n' chew Teething Sticks, Banana, Net Wt 3.2 Oz (90g), with UPC 0 15000 04608 8, all lot codes
 - Gerber Snacks for Baby soothe 'n' chew Teething Sticks, Banana, Net Wt 1.58 Oz (45g), with UPC 0 15000 01015 7, all lot codes

Gerber® Soothe N Chew® Teething Sticks - Product Packaging - See Images Below

The previously issued recall and discontinuation is isolated to GERBER® SOOTHE N CHEW® TEETHING STICKS – STRAWBERRY APPLE and GERBER® SOOTHE N CHEW® TEETHING STICKS – BANANA.

4. PRODUCT LABELS/PICTURES:







5. **CONTACT INFORMATION:** For any additional support needed, Gerber is available 24/7 at 1-800-4-GERBER (1-800-443-7237).

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 <u>dscpconssafofc@dla.mil</u> within 72-hours. Positive Response Information required: (Vendor must provide all the following information):
 - 1) ALFOODACT 202X-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 and follow recall disposition in accordance with the procedures outlined by your agency.
- 7. If you know of others who need to receive Subsistence Recall messages, click <u>Subscribe</u> (Add the following to an email if the link does not work; Subject: Subscribe to Subsistence Recall Notifications, Email address: <u>usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-vsims@health.mil</u>). If you no longer need to receive Subsistence Recall messages, click <u>Unsubscribe</u> (Add the following to an email if the link does not work; Subject: Unsubscribe from Subsistence Recall Notifications, Email address: <u>usarmy.jbsa.medcom.mbx.medcom-vsims@health.mil</u>).

- 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 808-786-2262, or dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

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