

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 053-2009 Valley Foods Inc. Emergency Meal Recall

Date Issued: February 6, 2009

1. REFERENCES:

- a. DLAR 4155.26/AR 40-660/NAVSUPINST 10110.8c/AFI 48-116/MCO 10110.38c, DOD Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System.
- b. Allied Communications Publication 121, US SUPP-1 (f).
- c. AskKaren:
<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/food%5Fsafety%5Feducation/ask%5Fkaren/#Question>
- d. Salmonella Fact Sheet: <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~mow/chap1.html>
- e. Valley Foods Inc. Web Site: <http://www.valleyfoods.com/index.htm>

2. BACKGROUND:

Valley Foods, Inc. emergency shelf stable meal kits may contain peanut butter cookies that are subject to the precautionary national recall underway in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Kellogg Company, the manufacturer of the Famous Amos peanut butter cookies, issued a recall notice stating that the peanut butter cookies contained peanut butter product that was supplied by the Peanut Corporation of America and it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

Famous Amos Peanut Butter Cookies by Kellogg Company (ALFOODACT 004-2009) are contained in lots known to be in FEMA's inventory. Other agencies may be affected.

Cases/Meals are marked with a Valley Foods Inc. Logo and use by dates of 6/10/09 and 6/11/09.

Meals with chocolate chip cookies in them are not affected by this recall.

4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

Valley Foods, Inc.
335 East Boardman Street
Youngstown, OH 44503

5. DISTRIBUTION: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Kentucky

6. REASON FOR ACTION: Salmonella

7. INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:

- a. Immediately inventory stocks to identify the above items and secure in a "Medical Hold" status to provide assurance of no further issue/sale/use. POSITIVE FINDINGS should be reported to Accountable Officers/Vendor Representatives of that facility. Accountable Officer/Agency representatives/Buyers/Contracting Officers should seek refund/credit/replacement through the normal distribution channel with which the product was received (i.e. Distribution Centers, Prime Vendors, Manufacturers).
- b. Ships at sea are not impacted by this recall.
- c. Unless otherwise specified above, POSITIVE and NEGATIVE RESPONSES directly to DSCP Consumer Safety Officer (CSO) are NOT required.
- d. When corresponding with DSCP concerning this message please include this message's subject in your subject line.

8. The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is CW4 Ramona Hemphill, Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2922, Commercial (215) 737-2922, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526.

Any individual or office that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to dscpconssafofc@dla.mil

Previous recalls and frequently asked questions are available at the following web site:
<https://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/fso/alfood/alfood.asp>

The navigation tool to the left allows you to view DSCP Alerts and Archived Vendor Recalls also.

Very Respectfully,
Mrs. Ramona Hemphill
CW4 Ramona Hemphill
Consumer Safety Officer, DSCP
Food Safety Office
DSN: 444-2922
Voice: (215) 737-2922
Fax: (215) 737-7526