

SUBJECT: ALFOODACT 059-2009 GA Food Service Inc. Emergency Meal Recall Because of Austin Peanut Butter Crackers and Kashi Bars

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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. GA Food Service Inc. Web Site: <http://www.sunmeadow.net/>

2. BACKGROUND:

GA Food Service Inc. is recalling commercial meal kits that contain Austin peanut butter crackers and Kashi Bars, because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella, an organism which can cause serious and sometime 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." Please advise your customers to discontinue use of the product and to throw out any food they prepared using the recalled product as an ingredient. It is very important you put this product on hold and respond quickly to us. We will be making arrangements to have all affected products returned to us as soon as possible.

Two Products; Kellogg's Kashi Bars and Austin Peanut Butter Crackers, have been included in the FDA's Peanut Butter Recall. These products were packed in some of the Emergency Meal Kits – MO 4 produced for DSCP/FEMA in September and October 2008.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

Austin Peanut Butter Crackers (ALFOODACT 004-2009) and Kashi Bars (ALFOODACT 038-2009) are contained in lots known to be in FEMA's inventory. Other agencies may be affected.

Pallets/Cases/Meals Kits are labeled with "GA Food Service, St. Petersburg, FL"

All Shrink-wrapped pallets have a placard reading "Emergency Meal Kits MO4" and include a "Pallet#" and a "Date Code" should be placed on hold.

Meal Kits with no identifiable markings should be placed on hold.

4. Manufacturer/Distributor

GA Food Service Inc.
St. Petersburg, FL.

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,
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