

ALFOODACT 026-2010 Marie Callender's brand Cheesy Chicken and Rice frozen meals

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Assistant Administrator (AA) and Deputy AA, Office of Public Health Science, FSIS;

AA and Deputy AA, Office of Field Operations, FSIS;

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).

2. BACKGROUND:

The company is recalling all Marie Callender's brand Cheesy Chicken and Rice frozen meals. These products are being recalled after the company was informed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of an investigation involving 29 people in 14 states who have been diagnosed with salmonellosis linked to Salmonella serotype Chester.

3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:

All 13-ounce packages of "Marie Callender's Cheesy Chicken & Rice White Meat Chicken and Broccoli over Rice Topped with Rich Cheddar Sauce." in commerce, regardless of production date.

Individual packages: Marie Callender's Cheesy Chicken & Rice Unit// UPC: 21131 50469. UPC is found on reverse of package, lower right corner. Each package bears a label with establishment number "P-45" inside the USDA mark of inspection.

Cases: MC Cheesy Chicken & Rice//Case Code: 5014XXXXXXXX

Labels and case photographs are available at:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/images/recalls/036_2010_labels.pdf

When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on FSIS' Web site at:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/Open_Federal_Cases/index.asp

The company does not provide a cutoff date and covers all of the specified product "in commerce, regardless of production date." Based on the lack of a specified date by the company, DSCP Veterinary Advisor has determined that all product produced on or before 18 June 2010 is subject to the recall. DSCP Veterinary Advisor has also determined that future product, produced on or after 1 July 2010, will not be subject to this recall.

4. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR:

ConAgra Foods Packaged Foods
Council Bluffs, Iowa
(712) 322-0203

5. DISTRIBUTION: Nationwide.

6. REASON FOR ACTION: May be contaminated with 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, or Manufacturers).

b. Ships at sea are authorized to destroy or dispose of recalled products at their discretion. Documentation for the number of pounds and cases, and any additional pertinent information must be signed by the Accountable Officer and is required for the purpose of recouping to the government the cost of the product involved. In order to get credit please use a SF 364 and forward to your supporting FISC and copy furnished to NAVSUP 51. Your supporting FISC should forward to the account manager at DSCP. The form should include the number of the recall authorizing the survey action. Home ported ships/galleys will utilize DD form 1149 to transfer w/ reimbursement to the PV. The PV will submit credit invoice to the account manager at DSCP.

c. DSCP Subsistence Prime Vendors must report POSITIVE and NEGATIVE RESPONSES directly to the their DSCP Contracting Officer with a courtesy copy to the Consumer Safety Officer (dscpconssafofc@dla.mil).

d. DeCA, AAFES, MWR, VA, MCCS, or other non-DSCP agencies SHOULD NOT respond to DSCP Consumer Safety Officer. These agencies should report POSITIVE and NEGATIVE responses in accordance with their agency recall policies.

e. 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 COL John C. Smith, DSCP Veterinary Advisor at DSCP-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-8461, Commercial (215) 737-8461, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526, email dscpconssafofc@dla.mil.

9. Individuals or groups that would like to receive recall messages electronically can forward their email address to dscpconssafofc@dla.mil, with "add to list" in the subject line. To be removed from the list place "remove from list" in the subject line.

10. 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 also view DSCP Alerts and Archived Vendor Recalls.