



Firefighter Safety



Meal-Ready-To-Eat (MRE) Recall

(SAFETY COMMUNICATION 2009-1)

The United States Department of Defense Hazardous Food and Nonprescription Drug Recall System issued the following notice to **NOT CONSUME** MRE or UGR-E dairy shake powder, fortified with Calcium and Vitamin D until further notice.

BACKGROUND: ALFOODACT 130-2009 notified ALCON to NOT CONSUME operational ration Dairyshake Powder, all flavors, until further notice. DSCP has determined the production lot dates/codes of potentially adulterated dairy shakes and the production lot dates/codes of the MRE/UGR-E containing the potentially adulterated dairyshake is extensive. Due to the extensive nature of the potential product adulteration, worldwide distribution and warfighters immediate need for operational rations DSCP in conjunction with the Services has determined:

- a. It is not practical to list each affected lot in an ALFOODACT. It is reasonable and practical to set a cutoff date separating rations potentially containing the adulterated dairyshake from rations known to not contain adulterated dairyshakes.
- b. Placing the affected lots on medical hold could create a shortage of rations available to the warfighter.
- c. Conducting the scope of rework required on affected rations outside of DLA Depot control is impractical.
- d. DLA controlled MRE and UGR-E stocks will be reworked. Reworked MRE and UGR-E stocks will maintain the original DOP and will be labeled to identify the dairyshakes as consumable. The use of a single DOP to determine consume/do not consume for each ration is being used to simplify the review process in the field. Pending further investigation and rework of potentially affected lots, DLA may release lots with an earlier DOP that are safe to consume. At a minimum, these lots will be marked at the pallet level and shipping documents will indicate "NOTICE: DSCP has certified the dairyshakes contained in this pallet assembled by name of assembler) with a DOP of (XXXX) are safe to consume. This notice shall remain attached to these rations until exhausted." ***In any situation where a Service member does not have or is not aware of this certification the DO NOT CONSUME ORDER remains in effect.***
- e. It is practical to continue the Consumer/End User action of remove and destroy all flavors of dairyshake powder until the potentially adulterated stocks are exhausted. This ALFOODACT adds two specific lots of Meal, Tailored, Operational Training (TOTM) to the list of affected rations.

Affected products:

MRE, UGR-E, and TOTM meals, as specified below, containing:
Dairyshake Powder, Chocolate, Fortified with Calcium and Vitamin D
Dairyshake Powder, Vanilla, Fortified with Calcium and Vitamin D
Dairyshake Powder, Strawberry, Fortified with Calcium and Vitamin D
Dairyshake Powder, Strawberry-Banana, Fortified with Calcium and Vitamin D

Ration/Ration Assembler/Contract Numbers/Identifying Codes:

MEALS, READY-TO-EAT, INDIVIDUAL (MRE):

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Ameriqua Packaging, Evansville, IN 47710.
NSN 8970-00-149-1094.
Meals, Ready-to-Eat, Individual.
All Contract Numbers.

SOPAKO Packaging, Mullins, SC 29574-1047.
NSN 8970-00-149-1094.
Meals, Ready-to-Eat, Individual.
All Contract Numbers.

The Wornick Company, Cincinnati, OH 45242.
NSN 8970-00-149-1094.
Meals, Ready-to-Eat, Individual.
All Contract Numbers.

All MRE with dates of pack (DOP) prior to, and including, 9139 are subject to the DO NOT CONSUME ORDER. **All other components of the MRE are consumable and should not be discarded/destroyed.** Dates of pack (DOP), and including, 9140 and newer do not contain the potentially adulterated dairyshake powders and are safe to consume.

The use of a single DOP to determine consume/do not consume for all MRE is being used to simplify the review process in the field. Pending further investigation and rework of potentially affected lots, DLA may release lots with a DOP of 9139 or earlier that are safe to consume. At a minimum, these lots will be marked at the pallet level and shipping documents will indicate "NOTICE: DSCP has certified the dairyshakes contained in this pallet assembled by (name of assembler) with a DOP of (XXXX) are safe to consume. This notice shall remain attached to these rations until exhausted." **In any situation where a Service member does not have or is not aware of this certification the DO NOT CONSUME ORDER remains in effect.**

DO NOT remove affected menus from MRE cases prior to issuing. Units WILL NOT receive credit for the return of these menus. The following DOP ranges and MRE menus known to include dairyshakes is provided for informational purposes only. MRE menus change regularly and the DOP are not exact as assemblers may delay change over due to stocks on hand. DO NOT remove affected menus from MRE cases prior to issuing. Units WILL NOT receive credit for the return of these menus.

- Jan 2008 -- present (DOP 8001- current), menus 1, 9, 21, and 22. -
- May 2006 -- Dec 2007 (DOP 6121 - 7365), menus 1, 9, 10, and 22.
- May 2005 - Apr 2006 (DOP 5121 - 6120), menus 1, 9, 21, and 22.
- Oct 2002 - May 2005 (DOP 2274 - 5151), menus 1, 9, 20, and 22.

UNITIZED GROUP RATION - EXPRESS (UGR-E):

DDJC-Tracey.

NSN 8970-01-539-4581, Lunch/Dinner Menu 1.
NSN 8970-01-539-4592, Lunch/Dinner Menu 3.
NSN 8970-01-539-4594, Lunch/Dinner Menu 4.
NSN 8970-01-539-4603, Lunch/Dinner Menu 6.
NSN 8970-01-539-4572, Breakfast Menu 1.
NSN 8970-01-539-4575, Breakfast Menu 2.

All UGR-E menus listed above with dates of pack (DOP) prior to and including 9181 are subject to the DO NOT CONSUME ORDER. Remove the dairyshake nine packs and destroy each individual dairyshake pouch in a manner to ensure it will not be accidentally consumed. A simple destruction method is to open the dairyshake pouch and pour contents into the trash. All other components of the UGR-E are consumable and should not be discarded/destroyed. All UGR-E menus with dates of pack (DOP) of and including 9182 and newer do not contain the potentially adulterated dairyshake powders and are safe to consume. The use of a single DOP to determine consume/do not consume for all UGR-E is being used to simplify the review process in the field. Pending further

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investigation and rework of potentially affected lots DLA may release lots with a DOP of 9181 or earlier that are safe to consume. At a minimum, these lots will be marked at the pallet level and shipping documents will indicate "NOTICE: DSCP has certified the dairyshakes contained in this pallet assembled by DDJC-Tracy with a DOP of (XXX) are safe to consume. This notice shall remain attached to these rations until exhausted." ***In any situation where a Service member does not have or is not aware of this certification the DO NOT CONSUME ORDER remains in effect.***

MEAL, TAILORED, OPERATIONAL TRAINING (TOTM):

The Wornick Company, Cincinnati, OH 45242.
LSN 8970-01-E10-0239.
Meal, Tailored, Operational Training.
Dates of pack (DOP)/lot numbers: 7138 and 8305.
No other assembler or DOP/lot codes are affected.

REASON FOR ACTION: Potentially adulterated with Salmonella sp..

INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:

- a. DO NOT CONSUME operational ration Dairyshake Powder, all flavors, found in the affected rations as listed above.
- b. This is a CONSUMER/END USER LEVEL action. Consumers/end users should remove and destroy the Dairyshake Powder in a manner to ensure it will not be accidentally consumed. A simple destruction method is to open the dairyshake pouch and pour contents into the trash. The remainder of the MRE/UGR-E/TOTM menu is consumable and should not be discarded/destroyed.
- c. Do not, repeat DO NOT, place affected rations on medical hold.
- d. Do, repeat DO, disseminate this message as widely as possible.
- e. Service components should contact their DSCP Customer Account Specialist to discuss potential warranty actions.
- f. This ALFOODACT will remain in effect until all existing stocks of the affected rations are exhausted.
- g. DeCA recipients immediately inventory MRE stocks to identify the above items and secure in a "Medical Hold" status to ensure of no further issue/sale/use. DeCA will issue disposition instructions to their facilities through DeCA channels. This is a DeCA action only-no other facility should place rations in a medical hold status.
- h. POSITIVE and NEGATIVE RESPONSES directly to DSCP Consumer Safety Officer (CSO) are NOT required.
- i. When corresponding with DSCP concerning this message please include this message's subject in your subject line.

The Point of Contact for this ALFOODACT message is COL John C. Smith, Food Safety Officer, at DSCP-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-8461, Commercial (215)737-8461, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7361, or Commercial, (215) 737-7361.

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

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