Department of Defense Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System July 1, 2009

DO NOT CONSUME MRE and UGR-E Dairy Shake Powder

The Food and Drug Administration has determined a Minnesota dairy cooperative may have shipped nonfat dry milk (NFDM), fruit stabilizers, whey protein, and gum products potentially adulterated with Salmonella sp. to their commercial customers between June 2007 and June 2009. NFDM from this cooperative is known to be an ingredient used by manufacturers in the production of MRE and UGR-E Dairyshake Powder, Fortified with Calcium and Vitamin D.

Facts:

Three manufactures of the MREs we have through the National Interagency Caches and procured through the General Services Administration

- Ameriqual Packaging
- SOPAKO Packaging
- The Wornick Company

Ameriqual MREs that were manufactured on or after April 25, 2008 are GOOD SOPAKO MREs that were manufactured on or after March 28, 2008 are GOOD

Unknown at this time:

The extent of the Lot Numbers from the manufacturers that may be impacted is still unknown. The Defense Logistics Agency is working toward identifying all potential lot numbers and will post this information to a web site in the near future.

Immediate Action Individuals:

Other than the MREs specifically identified above DO NOT CONSUME the Dairyshake Powder found in some of the MREs. Open the Dairyshake Package and dump the contents into the trash. The rest of the MRE is safe to consume.

Do not open MREs in mass and remove the Dairyshake Powder as this can compromise the shelf life of the remaining items.

Immediate Action National Interagency Caches:

Determine current inventory that is clearly good based on the above MRE dates. Place a sticker on the Box of MREs that include the Dairyshake Powder that should not be consumed stating such. Place a sticker on the Box of MREs that are safe to consume the Dairyshake Powder to alleviate any potential confusion.

The General Services Administration is working through their inventory and determining their stocking of safe to consume versus unsafe and will attach a sticker when shipping that they are safe to consume. They will not release any inventory that is not safe.

Upon receipt of additional information concerning specific Lot Numbers by manufacturer the National Interagency Caches will reassess their inventory to determine if additional MREs are in-deed safe concerning the consumption of the Dairyshake Powder and communicate this to the field.