

**ALFOODACT 002-2004 - Richwood Meat Company, Inc.  
Frozen Raw Beef Products, Escherichia coli O157:H7  
DATE ISSUED: February 23, 2004**

**1. REFERENCE:**

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:**

Frozen ground beef patties purchased at the Kadena Commissary in Okinawa, Japan have been implicated in a case of Enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* (EHEC), designated as *E. coli* O157:H7.

**3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:**

The product is packaged in plastic bags with twelve individual ¼ pound patties and is distributed in cardboard cases of 16 three-pound bags per case. Each product bears the establishment code "EST. 8264" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The bag contains the following identifying information: Red, White, and Black labeling on a clear bag. In addition, each product subject to this ALFOODACT bears a date of pack code found at the top end of the bag represented as "PACKED ON MM-DD-YY."

- The recalled product has a Pack Date of 08-11-03, or 11 August 2003.
- The recalled product bears the UPC 0 4311541271 9.

**4. MANUFACTURER/FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT:**

**FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT:** 08264 M  
RICHWOOD MEAT CO INC  
2751 N. Santa Fe Dr  
Merced, CA 95340

**5. DISTRIBUTION:** The products were distributed to DeCA commissaries.

Far East DoD Distributor: California Pacific Associates  
PO Box 999  
Burlingame, California 94010  
Telephone: 415-665-2650

**6. REASON FOR RECALL:** Products may be contaminated with Escherichia coli O157:H7.

**7. DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:**

A. Accountable Personnel will:

- (1) Immediately inventory stocks to identify the above items.
- (2) Secure in a "Medical Hold" status to provide assurance of no further issue/sale/use of the item.

**(3) ACCOUNTABLE ACTIVITIES SHOULD RETURN THE RECALLED PRODUCTS TO THE MANUFACTURER VIA THE VENDOR REPRESENTATIVE.**

B. Further Instructions:

(1) **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. Information shall be forwarded by priority message to this center.

(2) In addition, all signed documentation must be faxed or mailed to: CW3 Melinda Strother at the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia; DSCP-HS, Directorate of Subsistence, Bldg. 6, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, 19111. VOICE: DSN 444-7746/2911; Commercial: (215) 737-7746/2911; FAX: DSN: 444-7526/(215) 737-7526.

(3) As a potential for adverse health consequences exists, activities known to have issued/sold the above items are authorized to notify their customers.

(4) **Instances of Human Illness** related to this recall should be reported to the DSCP Consumer Safety Officer.

8. The Point Of Contact for this message is [CW3 Melinda Strother](#), Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-HS. VOICE, DSN: 444-7746/2911, Commercial (215) 737-7746/2911, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526.