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Safety Notice: Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MRE) NSN 8970-00-149-1094

Dear GSA Customer:

Our records indicate that your agency/location has purchased MRE's from GSA in recent years. The MRE's are initially sourced via the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and then supplied to GSA Global Supply for distribution to its customers. GSA shipped orders in response to FEDSTRIP requisitions, online orders through GSA Advantage or GSA Global Supply and phone/fax requests to our call centers.

DLA's Food Safety Office recently issued notice 131-2009 concerning possible salmonella contamination of the dairy shake powder mix contained in some of the MRE menus. A copy of the DLA notice is attached for your review and action. The dairy shake powder is typically contained in two of the twelve menus in each box of MRE's. However, the number of meals that include the dairy shake may vary.

Per the DLA notice, the end user (or consumer) should not consume the dairy shake powder, but instead remove and destroy that portion of the MRE at the point of meal consumption. Note that all of the remaining contents within the MRE meals are safe to eat. Consistent with Department of Defense policy, GSA will not process returns. Discard the dairy shake mix immediately upon opening the MRE package for consumption.

GSA has screened its product inventories and will be shipping product not impacted by this DLA notice. Clear evidence of GSA's safety check will be included with each case of product shipped.

To assist customers in making a positive identification of specific lots that are at-risk, DLA will be posting the MRE lot numbers that contain the potentially contaminated dairy shake products. Once this information is available, GSA will post a link to that site on the GSA Advantage and GSA Global Supply websites.

We regret this situation but the ultimate safety of our customers is our primary concern.

We are sending this communication to all customers to whom we have shipped MRE product since June 2006. DOD, FEMA, and U.S. Forest Service customers should check for and abide by their respective internal agency communications.

Additional questions may be communicated to GSA's National Customer Service Center at (800) 525-8027 (option 2) or email at ncscCustomer.Service@gsa.gov.

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