
Subject: FW: WIC Update November 15
Attachments: SPIRIT Roll Out 1 Training Agenda.pdf; SPIRIT/AKWIC Transfer Process

Hi Everyone,

We're eager to hear how clients and clinics are doing under the severe weather conditions plaguing the state this week. Please send updates to let us know if your clinics are closed or if you are doing additional outreach to clients effected by the weather.

Take care,
Kathleen

1. Free Flu Vaccines --- http://dhss.alaska.gov/News/Documents/press/2013/Flu_PR_11082013.pdf



2. Next week we will be doing Just-In Time SPIRIT training for the first Roll Out Group. Attached is the agenda with directions to the training site.

As of COB today Roll Out 1 agencies and clinics- AFS, Kodiak, Bristol Bay, and North Slope- clinics will no longer be on AKWIC. Remember that participants cannot transfer between AKWIC and SPIRIT. Attached is the policy for handling transfer requests during the transition period. The clinics in the Roll Out 1group will be closed next week for training (Nov 18-22). If a transfer request occurs involving these clinics next week, please contact the WIC SPIRIT Help Desk, wicspirithelpdesk@alaska.gov, 907-334-4900.

FYI: A question has been brought up concerning the Cross Reference Box in AKWIC. This box isn't mapped to SPIRIT, as its use varies by agency.

3. **Comments to USDA to phase out trans fat from the US food supply** ---The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has made a preliminary determination that partially hydrogenated oils (PHOs), the primary dietary source of artificial [trans fat](#) in processed foods, are not "generally recognized as safe" (GRAS) for use in food. A final decision would mean that the use of these oils in the food supply would be phased out over a number of years. Removal of PHOs from the food supply could prevent up to 7,000 deaths from heart disease each year.

FDA has required industry to declare the amount of *trans* fat in food on the Nutrition Facts label since 2006. FDA data indicate that many processed foods have been reformulated to reduce the amount of *trans* fat since the requirement was instituted, but a substantial number of products still contain PHOs.

If, after reviewing comments received, FDA determines that PHOs are not GRAS, PHOs could not be used in foods unless authorized by a regulation. One of our core regulatory functions is ensuring that food, including all substances added to food, is safe.

As discussed in more detail in the [Federal Register notice](#), during the 60-day public comment period, FDA is seeking data and information on a number of issues, including:

1. Whether FDA should finalize its tentative determination that PHOs are no longer GRAS; and
2. How long it would take producers to reformulate food products to eliminate PHOs.

The comment and submission period starts November 8, 2013.

Submit comments electronically to the FDA docket on <http://www.regulations.gov>, use docket number FDA-2013-N-1317.

Things to Know:

Seven things you can do to help your baby learn while at the grocery store, from Best Beginnings
<http://www.urbanchildinstitute.org/articles/updates/7-ways-to-build-your-babys-brain-at-the-grocery-store>

Plum Organics Recalls Baby Food Pouch Products for Possible Spoilage

(JUNEAU, AK) – Plum Organics has issued a recall for pouch products in its Baby Stage 2, Tots Mish Mash and Kids lines because of a packaging defect that may cause spoilage in some pouches.

The recalled product bears a “Best By” date between 08/05/14 and 12/08/14 and has the letters “AT” following the date or in the LOT code.

A complete list of affected products can be found at www.plumorganics.com/Nov13Recall.pdf.

Alaska DEC has confirmed these products were available in Alaska. To date, no illnesses or reactions have been reported in Alaska or elsewhere.

Consumers should not feed affected products to children and may contact the company with questions at 866-495-3774 or by emailing info@plumorganics.com.

For more information on this recall, visit:
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm374393.htm>.

For more information on recalls affecting Alaskans, visit DEC's website: <http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/recallsalerts.html>.







Baby
Apple & Carrot
Organic Baby Food
4 oz. Pouch



Baby
Apple Raisin & Quinoa
Organic Baby Food
3.5 oz. Pouch



Baby
Blueberry, Parsnip & Buckwheat
Organic Baby Food
3.5 oz. Pouch



Baby
Blueberry, Pear & Purple Carrot
Organic Baby Food
4 oz. Pouch



Baby
Broccoli & Apple
Organic Baby Food
4 oz. Pouch



Baby
Cherry, Sweet Corn &
Greek Yogurt
Organic Baby Food
4 oz. Pouch



Baby
Green Bean, Pear &
Greek Yogurt
Organic Baby Food
4 oz. Pouch



Baby
Kale, Apple &
Greek Yogurt
Organic Baby Food
3.5 oz. Pouch



Baby
Mango, Carrot &
Greek Yogurt
Organic Baby Food
3.5 oz. Pouch



Baby
Peach, Apricot & Banana
Organic Baby Food
4 oz. Pouch



Baby
Pear & Mango
Organic Baby Food
4 oz. Pouch



Baby
Plum, Berry & Barley
Organic Baby Food
3.5 oz. Pouch



Baby
Pumpkin & Banana
Organic Baby Food
4 oz. Pouch



Baby
Pumpkin, Dates, Gels & Chia
Organic Baby Food
3.5 oz. Pouch



Baby
Raspberry, Spinach &
Greek Yogurt
Organic Baby Food
4 oz. Pouch



**Baby**Spinach, Peas & Pear
Organic Baby Food
4 oz. Pouch

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**Baby**Sweet Potato, Corn & Apple
Organic Baby Food
4 oz. Pouch

8 90180 00124 5

**Baby**Sweet Potato, Mango & Millet
Organic Baby Food
3.5 oz. Pouch

8 46675 00104 7

**Baby**Zucchini, Banana & Amaranth
Organic Baby Food
3.5 oz. Pouch

8 46675 00106 1

**Tots**Berry, Banana,
Beet Yogurt Mash Mash
12.69 oz. Box

8 46675 00145 0

**Tots**Blueberry Oats & Quinoa
Morning Mash Mash
12.69 oz. Box

8 46675 00143 8

**Tots**Berry Banana Beet Yogurt
Mash Mash
3.17 oz. Pouch

8 46675 00100 9

**Tots**Purple Puffs & Fruits Yogurt
Mash Mash
12.69 oz. Box

8 46675 00146 7

**Tots**Purple Puffs & Fruits Yogurt
Mash Mash
3.17 oz. Pouch

8 46675 00099 6

**Kids**Sweetbox Berry Fruit & Veggie
Mashups
12.69 oz. box

8 46675 00165 8

**Kids**Blueberry Blitz Fruit & Veggie
Mashups
12.69 oz. box

8 46675 00166 1

**Kids**Mixed Berry
Mashups
38.04 oz. Box

8 46675 00283 9

**Kids**Tropical Fruit Mashups
12.69 oz. box

8 46675 00181 8