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Spam, Black Label Luncheon Loaf products recalled

Hormel Foods is recalling approximately 228,614 pounds of canned pork and chicken products that may be contaminated with pieces of metal, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service, announced Sunday.

There have been reports of minor injuries due to small pieces of metal found in the canned food items, USDA stated.

The canned pork and chicken products were produced on Feb. 8 through Feb. 10, 2018. The following products are subject to recall:

- 12-oz. metal cans containing "Spam Classic" with a "Best By" February 2021 date and production codes: F020881, F020882, F020883,

- F020884, F020885, F020886, F020887, F020888 and F020889. These products were shipped throughout the United States.

- 12-oz. metal cans containing "Hormel Foods Black Label Luncheon Loaf" with a "Best By" February 2021 date and production codes F02098 and F02108. These products were shipped to Guam only.

The products subject to the recall state "EST. 199N" on the bottom of the can.

The problem was discovered after the firm received four consumer complaints stating that metal objects were found in the canned products, FSIS stated in a news release. It was notified of the problems on May 24.

There have been reports of minor oral injuries associated with consumption of the products, FSIS stated. FSIS has received no additional reports of injury or illness from consumption of these products.

FSIS advised anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a health care provider.

These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase, FSIS states.

When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on the FSIS website at www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls.

Consumers with questions about the recall can contact Consumer Response, Hormel Foods, at 800-523-4635.

(Daily Post Staff)

Union opposes teacher reclassification change

By John O'Connor
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The Guam Federation of Teachers is mounting opposition to proposed changes to teacher reclassification policy.

Teachers can qualify and reclassify for higher pay grades after obtaining additional training or certification.

The Guam Department of Education proposed amendment to this policy would tie reclassification opportunities to the availability of funding. If funding is not available, a notice will be circulated indicating that reclassification will not be made available for that school year.

GFT members and teachers testified to the impact of the proposed changes in early May and again during a board meeting on May 22.

Doris Terlaje, the GFT chairwoman for GDOE teachers, told board members on Tuesday that furthering a teacher's education is costly and challenging.

"The motivation of a higher pay increase makes it all worth the time away from family and the many sacrifices made," Terlaje said. "I do not understand the rationale and logic in the amendment only to see it as demoralizing and a setback for teachers."

It may take years for the department to pay teachers if the policy ties payout to funding, she added. Terlaje also submitted a petition with signatures from teachers in various schools all opposing the amendment, according to a GFT release Friday.

The GFT proposed amendments to the policy that initiates payment on Oct. 1 - the beginning of the fiscal year - and make payment retroactive to the date a completed reclassification application was received by the department.

If funding is not available to pay a reclassified teacher on Oct. 1, teachers will receive reclassification upon the availability of funding with 10 percent interest.

"GDOE must not declare a lack of funds for reclassification in consecutive school years, or fractions thereof," the GFT proposal stated.

GDOE Superintendent Jon Fernandez said on May 22 that the department will continue to receive public testimony on the changes until May 28.

Firefighters battle blaze in Maite



WAREHOUSE: Guam Fire Department firefighters work to extinguish a blaze that was reported Saturday evening at the Pacific Data Systems warehouse on Robot Street in Maite. Witnesses on the scene noticed flames around 9 p.m. They said they could feel the heat from nearly 100 feet away. Norman M. Taruc/The Guam Daily Post

GUAM BOARD OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY

Regular Session Meeting,
Monday, June 4, 2018 at 9:00 AM
at the Terlaje Professional Building, 194
Hernan Cortez Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 209
Health Professional Licensing Office Board
Conference Room, Hagatna, Guam.

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Bordallo updates members of commerce chamber



'I'M OPTIMISTIC': Del. Madeleine Bordallo provides legislative updates to members of the Guam Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort.
David Castro/The Guam Daily Post

By Meghan Swartz
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Del. Madeleine Bordallo gave a legislative update to the Guam Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, following the recent passage of the defense bill in the House of Representatives, which includes \$377 million in military construction spending on Guam for fiscal year 2019.

The National Defense Authorization Act now heads to the Senate. When asked whether she thinks the bill will pass there, Bordallo said, "I think so. Let's just say I'm optimistic."

If significant changes are made to the Senate version, however, Bordallo said she will be part of the conference committee working to reconcile any differences between the House and Senate bills.

The bill extends the federal H-2B visa caps exemption for Guam to 2020, and will include health care

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workers in that exemption.

"I support supplementing our medical personnel when our domestic workforce is unable to meet our needs," Bordallo said. "My provision in the House bill ensures that when Guam's workforce cannot provide enough medical personnel, we can recruit from off island."

Former Sen. Robert Klitzkie, however, said even if the exemption is extended, that doesn't mean more H-2B workers will get approved by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Klitzkie said USCIS is "just denying apparently everything that was routinely granted in the past."

He did say he believes the economic boost from the Marine Corps' move to Guam could solve many of the island's financial issues. Nearly 5,000 Marines and about 1,300 family members are being moved to a new base on Guam to reduce the presence of U.S. troops in Okinawa, a move estimated to cost \$8 billion, Post files show.

Chief of Staff Adam Carbullido said Bordallo's office has written to USCIS to request clear guidance in regard to a previous court ruling requiring USCIS to stop its blanket denial of H-2B petitions.

Bordallo also said certain provisions within the NDAA will hold the U.S. Navy accountable, requiring them to adhere to a "net-negative" promise to return military land on the island back to the local government if it is no longer necessary for national security.

The defense bill would require a date to be set, by which point the Navy would promise to return the land, though that date would be set by the Navy.

The bill also includes language that would "require that the Navy conduct its repairs in American shipyards, including here on Guam," rather than going to foreign shipyards.

"We must have a strong ship-repair capability in Guam," Bordallo said, in order to support military efforts in the region as well as local workers.

Oil prices steady after steep fall in recent days

SINGAPORE (Reuters) - Oil prices steadied Wednesday after falling steeply in recent days on concerns that Saudi Arabia and Russia will pump more crude in the second half of the year in response to falling global crude inventories and rising consumer prices.

Saudi Arabia and Russia have discussed raising OPEC and non-OPEC oil production by 1 million barrels per day to counter potential supply shortfalls from Venezuela and Iran.

Brent crude clawed back early losses to be up 1 cent at \$75.40 a barrel by Wednesday morning, after trading as low as \$74.81 a barrel.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude was up 10 cents, at \$66.83 a barrel, having touched a session low of \$66.35 a barrel. WTI fell more than 7 percent in five previous sessions.

"OPEC has over-delivered on supply cuts in the past six months," Harry Tchilinguirian, global head of commodity market strategy at French bank BNP Paribas, said in a note to clients.

"There is...scope for an increase in OPEC output."

OPEC-led supply curbs have largely cleared an inventory surplus in industrialized countries, and stocks continue to decline. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries is due to meet in Vienna on June 22.

Plans to boost output have spooked oil market bulls, who are starting to seek protection at levels well below the current futures price in case the group delivers a rapid increase in production.

Credit Suisse analysts on Tuesday said even if Russia and OPEC producers raise output, they would likely only add an additional 500,000 bpd, which would leave inventories in the most developed countries short of the five-year average by the end of 2018.

Falling share prices and a stronger U.S. dollar index also weighed on oil prices. U.S. stock markets sank more than 1 percent, while the dollar wobbled at a 10-month high against the euro. A stronger dollar makes greenback-denominated commodities more expensive for holders of other currencies.

GUAM BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 11:00 AM

at the Terlaje Professional Building, 194 Hernan Cortez Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 209 Health Professional Licensing Office Board Conference Room, Hagatna, Guam.

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GUAM BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS

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