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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

Advisory	Recall of "Salad Cosmo" Brand Alfalfa Sprouts
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INCIDENT

- The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) today warned consumers not to eat Salad Cosmo brand alfalfa sprouts because these products may be contaminated with Salmonella, which can cause serious illness. The manufacturer is voluntarily recalling the product after routine testing detected Salmonella in alfalfa seeds.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Division is warning consumers not to eat Salad Cosmo brand alfalfa sprouts packaged in the 2.5-ounce plastic containers and 1-pound plastic bags. Both packages are labeled "Salad Cosmo Alfalfa Sprouts" and have the following production codes: 0519, 0520, 0521, 0522, 0523, 0524, 0525, and 0526. The codes are printed on the front label of the 2.5-ounce packages and on the left side of the 1-pound bags near the product name. Consumers who purchased these products should immediately discard them or return them to the point of purchase for a refund.

INFORMATION

- Consumers, especially infants, young children and the elderly, are susceptible to serious infection when exposed to Salmonella. No illnesses have been reported from these products, but alfalfa sprouts have previously been linked to outbreaks of Salmonella and E. coli 0157 infections. Salmonella is an acute bacterial infection that can cause diarrhea, fever and vomiting. Symptoms usually develop within one to four days after eating contaminated food. Most cases resolve without the need for medical attention. However, some individuals with salmonellosis develop serious illness that can lead to hospitalization. If you have consumed this product within the last 4 days and develop any of the above symptoms, please seek medical attention. If you believe that you are ill as a result of consuming this product, please save any remaining portion, seal it carefully, refrigerate it and notify Environmental Health Services (831) 454-2022, so that we may further investigate.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Consumers with questions may contact Salad Cosmo USA Corp. at (707) 678-6633.



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