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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

Advisory	Recall of Alfalfa Sprouts
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INCIDENT

- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today warned consumers not to eat Salad Cosmo Alfalfa Sprouts, Always Fresh, and Alfa One Alfalfa Sprouts because these products may be contaminated with Salmonella, which can cause serious illness. The manufacturer is voluntarily recalling these products because tests detected salmonella in some of the product. No illnesses have been reported from these products.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTION

- Santa Cruz County Environmental Health is contacting local retail markets that were indicated as selling these recalled products. California State Food and Drug is working with the manufacturer to obtain product distribution information. Upon receiving that information, Environmental Health will contact any additional retail outlets on the distribution list.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Division is warning consumers not to eat Salad Cosmo Alfalfa Sprouts, Always Fresh, or Alfa One Alfalfa Sprouts. Consumers who purchased these products should immediately discard them or return them to the point of purchase for a refund. Consumers with questions may contact Salad Cosmo USA Corp. at 707-678-6633 or J.H. Caldwell and Sons, Inc., at 323-589-4008.
- Further information, including pictures of the products is available at www.cdph.ca.gov

INFORMATION

- Salad Cosmo USA Corp. of Dixon, California, has recalled Salad Cosmo Alfalfa Sprouts distributed to retail stores including SaveMart Super Markets and wholesale distributors throughout California. The Salad Cosmo recalled alfalfa sprouts are packaged in 2.5-ounce plastic containers with white and green labels and clear 1-pound bags with blue labeling. Both packages are labeled Salad Cosmo Alfalfa Sprouts. The products "use by" codes: 0219, 0220, 0221, 0222, 0223, 0224, 0226, 0227, 0228, 0229, 0302, and 0303. The codes are located on the front label of the 2.5-ounce packages and on the left side of the 1-pound bags near the product name.



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- **Health Advisory:** provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.
- **Health Update:** provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

- J.H. Caldwell and Sons, Inc., of Maywood, California, has recalled brand name Always Fresh and Alfa One Alfalfa Sprouts distributed to wholesale distributors and retail grocery stores in California, including Beach Market, KV Mart, and Superior Warehouse, and to Trader Joe's Grocery Stores in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. The J.H. Caldwell and Sons recalled alfalfa sprouts are labeled Always Fresh and Alfa One. The products are packaged in 4-ounce and 5-ounce containers and plastic bags. The recalled product codes are: 202182, 202192, 202202, 202212, 202222, 202232, 202242, 202252, 202262, and 202272. The code is printed on the side of the containers and on the back of the plastic bag.
- Consumers, especially infants, young children and the elderly, are susceptible to serious infection when exposed to Salmonella. 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

- www.santacruzhealth.org/alerts for informational updates and other alerts