



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

EHS Circular Letter #2009-37

To: Local Directors of Health  
Chief Sanitarians  
Certified Food Inspectors

From: Tracey Weeks, MS, RS; Food Protection Program

Date: May 29, 2009

Subject: **Recall of Sprouts Produced by Chang Farm of Whately, MA**

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Chang Farm of Whately, MA is issuing a voluntary recall of Bean and Soy sprouts with specific expiration dates codes because of the possible presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination.

The affected product is packaged in 10 lb bags (bulk) and 12 oz plastic bags (retail), labeled under the Chang Farm Brand as Soy Sprouts and have a "Sell By" date of May 23, 2009 or May 24, 2009 and Bean Sprouts with "Use By" date of May 23, 2009 or May 24, 2009.

The recalled products are not likely to be in distribution or on retail store shelves based on the "Use by" and "Sell by" dates but it is possible that food service establishments and retail stores may still have product in cold storage.

You are urged to share the above information with the retail and food service establishments in your jurisdiction that are likely to use the recalled products and to prioritize follow-up with establishments that serve highly susceptible populations especially in day care, health care, elderly feeding programs, etc.

As a reminder of the public health significance of a ready-to-eat food being contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, it has been reported that the mortality rate for infection is approximately 20%.

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