



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

EHS Circular Letter #2011-03

To: Local Directors of Health
Chief Sanitarians
Certified Food Inspectors



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Date: January 27, 2011

Subject: **State Garden, Inc. recalls certain salad mixes due to possible *Listeria monocytogenes***

State Garden, Inc. of Chelsea, MA has issued a voluntary recall of all salad products produced on January 4, 2011 because there is a risk that they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Product produced on this date bear either a 45693 or 45703 Code.

The recalled products were distributed to retail stores, as well as wholesale distributors along the East Coast, including Connecticut. Stores receiving product include Stop and Shop and A&P, however, the product may be found in other retail stores and food service establishments as a result of secondary distribution. The products are sold in various sizes and packaged under various brand names such as Natures Promise, Northeast Fresh, and Olivia's Organics, among others. The attached FDA list provides details on the specific product, package type, size, and UPC codes associated with the recalled products.

This notice is provided so that local health departments are aware of the recall if inquiries from the public are received. Due to the potential for serious disease, local health departments are advised to share this notice with food establishments in their respective jurisdictions (prioritizing health care facilities, schools, and daycare facilities) and ask about the product during routine inspections.

Although the company states that no illnesses have been reported to date in association with this recall, *Listeria monocytogenes* has the potential to cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, the elderly, and especially pregnant women. Consumers who contact the local health department complaining of high fever, headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain, and diarrhea and have a history of consuming this recalled product should be referred to their Primary Care Physician immediately for follow-up and evaluation. The 3-page Alert Form should be used to document the information and faxed (860-509-8071) to the Food Protection Program as soon as possible.

The Department of Consumer Protection is aware of the recall and can be contacted at 860-713-6160 if there are questions regarding distribution. State Garden reportedly has notified all of its customers about the recall.

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