

STATE OF CONNECTICUT



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

EHS Circular Letter #2011-60

To: Local Directors of Health
Chief Sanitarians
Certified Food Inspectors

From: Food Protection Program

Date: October 3, 2011

Subject: True Leaf Farms Expanded Voluntary Recall of Chopped or Shredded Romaine Lettuce

True Leaf Farms is expanding its voluntary recall of romaine lettuce to include 2,498 cartons of chopped or shredded romaine because of the potential of contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The recalled product was shipped between September 12 and 13 to wholesale distributors in 19 states and Alberta, Canada. *Listeria monocytogenes* was detected as part of an FDA produce project. No illnesses have been reported.

The recalled bags of romaine were packed in True Leaf Farms cardboard cartons and distributed by Church Brothers, LLC. All bags carry a "use by date" of 9/29/11. Produce affected by the recall was labeled as follows: #2 bags, chopped romaine - Bag and box code B256-46438-8

At the request of the US Food and Drug Administration the recall, notification is expanded to cover additional product shipped to wholesale food service distributors in 19 states, and Alberta, Canada.

Available information received to date indicates the recalled romaine lettuce was shipped to one wholesale food service distributor in Connecticut and distributed to food service establishments in the following towns:

Bethel	Fairfield	Mystic	Rocky Hill	Trumbull
Bloomfield	Farmington	Naugatuck	Shelton	Wallingford
Branford	Groton	New Britain	South Windsor	Waterbury
Bridgeport	Hamden	New Haven	Southbury	West Hartford
Danbury	Hartford	New London	Southington	West Haven
Darien	Kent	North Haven	Stamford	Westport
Derby	Lakeville	Norwich	Storrs	Willimantic
East Hartford	Middletown	Pomfret	Stratford	Windsor
Enfield	Milford	Redding	Tolland	Windsor Locks
Essex	Monroe	Ridgefield	Torrington	

The CT wholesale food service distributor has reported that all of its customers were contacted and indicated that all of the recalled product has been consumed.

The Department of Consumer Protection is aware of the recall and may be contacted at (860) 713-6160 for additional distribution information and assistance.

This notice is being provided to local health departments for informational purposes should calls be received from consumers or food operators. Consumers with possible foodborne illness after consumption of this product should be advised to contact their primary care physician for proper follow-up. Follow the usual procedure for illness complaints by completing the 3-page Alert form and faxing the form to the FPP within 24 hours at (860) 509-8071.

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