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**Sprouters Northwest, Inc. Recalls Clover Sprouts and Clover Sprout Mixes
because of possible Salmonella Contamination**

(JUNEAU, AK) – Sprouters Northwest Inc. of Kent, WA, is recalling its clover and clover mix products because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has confirmed that the recalled products have been distributed in Alaska. The withdrawal includes:

Clover sprouts	4oz. containers	(UPC 8 15098 00201 6)
Clover sprouts	5oz. containers	(UPC 0 33383 70235 3)
Clover	1lb. bags	(UPC 0 79566 12351 5)
Clover	2 lb trays	(UPC 0 79566 12362 1)
Clover Onion sprouts	4oz. container	(UPC 0 79566 12361 4)
Clover Onion sprouts	5oz. container	(UPC 0 79566 12361 4)
Deli sprouts	4oz. container	(UPC 8 79566 12305 4)
Deli Sprouts	5oz. containers	(UPC 0 33383 70267 4)
Spicy sprouts	4oz. container	(UPC 8 15098 00202 3)
Brocco sandwich sprouts	4oz. container	(UPC 8 15098 00028 9)

The recall affects all the above products with a “best by” date of 1/16/11 and earlier.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain beginning 12-72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts 4-7 days. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis, and arthritis. People exhibiting any of these symptoms should contact their healthcare providers.

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to eat them and may want to contact the retailer or the producer about a refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 253-872-0577 Mon-Fri 7a.m. - 11a.m. pacific time.

For more recall details, please visit

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm238636.htm>

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