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**Jalapeno and Serrano Chili Peppers Recalled for Possible Salmonella Contamination**

(JUNEAU, AK) – Cal Fresco, LLC has issued a recall for Cal Fresco and Grower Alliance brands of jalapeno and serrano peppers due to possible Salmonella contamination.

Alaska’s Department of Environmental Conservation has confirmed distribution of these products in Alaska. Restaurants and food establishments that received the peppers have been notified. To date, there have been no reported illnesses in Alaska or other states.

The recalled jalapeno peppers were distributed to restaurants and other food establishments in Alaska between Dec. 3 and Dec. 20. The serrano peppers were distributed between Dec. 8 and Dec. 21.

The jalapeno and serrano peppers were distributed to wholesalers and retailers in bulk containers marked with lot codes 205610 and 205467, respectively. Both types of peppers sold by retail stores were sold in the produce section as loose items with no retail packaging or labeling associated with them.

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 should contact Cal Fresco at 714-690-7700 for more information.

For more recall details, please visit <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm284531.htm?source=govdelivery>

For more information on recalls affecting Alaskans, visit DEC's website:  
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.html>

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