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Sprouters Northwest Recalls Sprouts Due to Possible Listeria Contamination

(JUNEAU, AK) – Sprouters Northwest has issued a recall for packages of alfalfa, clover, brocco sandwich sprouts, and spicy sprouts due to potential contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Listeria monocytogenes, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The following products, sold under the Sprouters Northwest brand, were distributed from Jan. 10 until Jan. 18 and are packaged in plastic clamshell containers and plastic 1-pound bags:

Product	Size	Best by Date	UPC
Clover Sprouts	5-oz container	1/26/2013	0 33383 70235 3
Clover Sprouts	1 lb bag	1/26/2013	0 79566 12351 5
Clover Sprouts	2 lb tray	1/26/2013	0 79566 12351 5
Clover Sprouts	4-oz container	1/26/2013	8 15098 00201 6
Brocco Sandwich Sprouts	4-oz container	1/26/2013	8 15098 00028 9
Spicy sprouts	4oz container	1/26/2013	8 15098 00202 3
Alfalfa sprouts	4-oz container	1/31/2013	8 15098 00108 8
Alfalfa sprouts	3-oz container	1/31/2013	8 51042 00402 6

DEC has confirmed these products were distributed in Alaska. To date, no illnesses have been reported in Alaska or other states.

Consumers should not consume the recalled sprouts products and are advised to return them to the place of purchase. Consumers may contact the company at 253-872-0577 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

For more information on this recall, visit:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm337098.htm>.

For more information on recalls affecting Alaskans, visit DEC's website:

<http://www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/recalls/recallsalerts.html>.