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Everything Sprouts, LLC Voluntary Recall of Alfalfa Sprouts
Due to Potential E. Coli and Salmonella Risk

Everything Sprouts, LLC, based in Minneapolis, MN in coordination with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recalling certain lots of Alfalfa Sprouts because it has the potential to be contaminated with Shiga toxin producing Escherichia coli (STEC) O26:H11 and/or O103:H25 or Salmonella bacteria. Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) are organisms that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Escherichia coli (STEC) O26:H11 and E. coli O103:H25 are two members of this group of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli. STECs cause an acute diarrheal illness (often bloody diarrhea) within a few days of ingestion of the bacteria, although some people may not experience any symptoms. Most people recover within a week. However, immunocompromised persons may experience more severe illness of longer duration along with complications requiring close medical attention.

Salmonella is an organism which 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. 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.

While we are continuing to work with the FDA, CDC, and state authorities, we are recalling Alfafa Sprouts product that was distributed during May 27th to now. These lots were distributed to certain third party distributors and to a number of retail grocery stores located in MN and WI.

The Alfalfa Sprout products subject to this recall include the following lot numbers, Everything Sprouts, Alfalfa, 5oz plastic container with lid.

To date, no reports of illnesses involving Everyday Sprouts Alfalfa Sprouts have been reported to the company.

Everyday Sprouts became aware of reports of illnesses from federal and state agencies. During this outbreak we have tested our products daily and have not received any positive lab results. We continue to work closely with public health officials to investigate the source of this potential issue and will provide updates as they become available.

Retailers and Distributors who believe they have received affected lots of Alfalfa Sprouts should immediately stop selling and distributing the Alfalfa Sprouts in inventory and dispose of them according to local protocols.

Customers with questions regarding this recall can contact Everything Sprouts at everythingsproutsmn@gmail.com.

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(SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **DATE**
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XYZ RECALLS "SNACKIES" BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK

XYZ Inc. of Anywhere, MS, is recalling its 5 ounce packages of "Snackies" food treats because they have the potential to be contaminated with Shiga toxin producing Escherichia coli (STEC)

O26:H11 and/or O103:H25 bacteria. These are two of the 6 STEC strains that have been deemed to be of serious health concern as it can cause diarrheal illness, often with bloody stools, and may lead to more severe complications like Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS). HUS is most likely to occur in young children, the elderly and immunocompromised individuals and can lead to severe kidney damage and even death.

The recalled "Snackies" were distributed nationwide in retail stores and through mail orders.

The product comes in a 5 ounce, clear plastic package marked with lot # 666666 on the top and with an expiration date of 12/12/99 stamped on the side.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing by the company detected the presence of E. coli O111:H8.

Production of the product has been suspended while FDA and the company continue their investigation as to the cause of the problem.

Consumers who have purchased 5 ounce packages of "Snackies" are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-800-XXX-XXXX.

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