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FOOD SAFETY INFOSHEET

Romaine lettuce linked to *E. coli* O145 outbreak



CLUSTERS OF ILLNESSES IN THE NORTH EAST AND MIDWEST

60 ILL IN MICHIGAN, NEW YORK AND OHIO

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LETTUCE, SPINACH, GREENS LINKED TO AT LEAST 30 OUTBREAKS OF PATHOGENIC *E. COLI* SINCE 1993



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Freshway Foods of Sydney, Ohio is voluntarily recalling products containing romaine lettuce with a use by date of May 12 or earlier because they may be contaminated with *E. coli* O145. The products were sold under the Freshway brand and Imperial Sysco brand.

E. coli O145 causes a diarrheal illness often with bloody stools. Illnesses associated with this outbreak have been centered in the North East and Midwest U.S. To date 60 individuals have been confirmed ill.

This recall includes romaine lettuce products sold by Freshway Foods for food service outlets, wholesale, and in-store retail salad bars and delis. These products are sold under the **Freshway** and **Imperial Sysco** brands.

A full list of the 72 recalled products lines can be found at:

www.freshwayfoods.com/recall/



Fresh produce is not cooked, so any poop that comes in contact with it from farm-to-fork can be passed to diners.

The recalled romaine products were also sold for distribution to in-store salad bars and delis for Kroger, Giant Eagle, Ingles Markets, and Marsh stores.

States where the products were distributed include: AL, CT, DC, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MD, MA, MI, MS, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA RI, SC, TN, VA, WV, WI.

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List of recalled Freshway recalled products

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Freshway Brand	Size	Use by date
CHOP LETTUCE W/ROMAINE	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73603 PICCOLO PEZZO	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73604 CHOP LETTUCE W/ ROMAINE	4/2.5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73605 ROMAINE BLEND 50-50	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73607 CHOP LETTUCE W/30% ROMAINE	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73609 ROMAINE LETTUCE BLEND SMALL CHOP 3/4" 4/5#	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73612 LETTUCE CHOP W/20% ROMAINE 1/2" 4/5#	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73615 CHOP LETTUCE W/30% ROMAINE	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73624 LETTUCE CHOP W/70% ROMAINE 6/3#	6/3 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73625 LETTUCE CHOP W/50% ROMAINE 1" x 1" 5/4#	5/4 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73626 LETTUCE CHOP W/40% ROMAINE 1.5" x 2" 4/5#	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73627 LETTUCE BLEND W/20% ROMAINE 2/5# 1.5 x 2	2/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73804 20% ROMAINE SALAD MIX 4/5	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73809 LETTUCE BLEND W/SEP COLOR	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73811 ITALIAN LETTUCE BLEND	6/2 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73821 SALAD ROMAINE BLEND W/SEP 4/5#	4/5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73822 ROMAINE BLEND MIXED	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73827 SALAD W/35% ROMAINE 5% RC & 5% CARROT	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73829 SALAD MIX W/20% ROMAINE	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73830 ORIENTAL SALAD KIT 20#	20 lb kit	05/12/2010 and before
73831 ORIENTAL SALAD MIX 4/3#	4/3 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73842 SALAD MIX W/ROMAINE 6/3#	6/3 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73854 SALAD W/30% ROMAINE 5% RC 5% CARROT 4/5#	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73855 SALAD MIX STONEY RIVER 4/5#	4/5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
73865 ROMAINE SALAD W/15% RAD, 10% CAR 10% ENDIVE	4/2.5 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
74001 ROMAINE CHOPPED 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
74002 ROMAINE SHREDDED 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
74003 1/8" SHREDDED ROMAINE	6/2 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
74006 ROMAINE CHOPPED 9/2#	9/2 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
74007 ROMAINE CHOPPED 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/10/2010 and before
74009 ROMAINE CHOPPED 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
74010 ROMAINE SHREDDED 1" 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
74011 ROMAINE SHRED 1/4" 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
74013 ROMAINE CHOP 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
74016 ROMAINE CHOPPED 1" X 2" 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
74018 ROMAINE CHOPPED 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
74019 ROMAINE CHOPPED 1X1 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
74025 ROMAINE SLICED 1/2" 9/2#	9/2 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
74027 ROMAINE CHOPPED 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/10/2010 and before
74038 ROMAINE CHOP 2" x 2" 3/2#	3/2 lb bags	05/12/2010 and before
74806 GREEK SALAD KIT	6.13 lb kit	05/12/2010 and before
74810 CAESAR SALAD KIT	5.56 lb kit	05/12/2010 and before
74838 KIT GARDEN SALAD SMALL BOWLS 5#	5 lb kit	05/12/2010 and before
74839 KIT CHEF SALAD SMALL BOWLS 5.5#	5.5 lb kit	05/12/2010 and before
74840 KIT CHICKEN CAESAR SMALL BOWLS 4.5#	4.5 lb kit	05/12/2010 and before
74842 KIT - APPLE WALNUT 5.8# 8 bowls	5.8 lb kit	05/12/2010 and before
74843 KIT-GREEK 8 SALAD BOWLS	5.8 lb kit	05/12/2010 and before
74871 KIT - HARVEST BLEND 5.875#	5.875 lb kit	05/12/2010 and before
74873 KIT - CAESAR SALAD 3.81#	3.81 lb kit	05/11/2010 and before

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Imperial Sysco Brand	Size	Use by date
73617 LETTUCE CHOP W/50% ROMAINE 4/2.5#	4/2.5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73620 LETTUCE CHOP W/50% ROMAINE 5/4#	5/4 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73621 LETTUCE CHOP W/ ROMAINE 4/5#	4/5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73622 LETTUCE CHOP W/50% ROMAINE 5/4#	5/4 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73843 SALAD ALL AMERICAN LETTUCE 4/5#	4/5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73844 SALAD SUPERIOR BLEND 2/5#	2/5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73847 SALAD MIX W/ROMAINE 4/5#	4/5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73849 SALAD CALIFORNIA BLEND 4/5#	4/5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73850 SALAD MIX CHARHOUSE 4/2.5#	4/2.5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73856 SALAD ALL AMERICAN LETTUCE 4/5#	4/5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73857 SALAD ALL AMERICAN LETTUCE 1/5#	1/5 lb bag	05/11/2010 and before
73861 Salad Mix w/Romaine LCR 4/5#	4/5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73862 SALAD MIX SIGNATURE 4/2.5#	4/2.5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73863 SALAD MIX W/ 50% ROMAINE 4/5#	4/5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
73864 SALAD MIX W/ 50% ROMAINE 1/5#	1/5 lb bag	05/11/2010 and before
74033 ROMAINE CHOP 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
74034 Romaine Chop 4/2.5#	4/2.5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
74035 Romaine Chop 2/2.5#	2/2.5 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
74036 Romaine Chop 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
74037 ROMAINE SHRED 1/4" x 2" 6/2#	6/2 lb bags	05/11/2010 and before
74874 KIT GARDEN SALAD SMALL BOWLS 5#	5 lb kit	05/11/2010 and before
74875 KIT CHEF SALAD SMALL BOWLS 5.5#	5.5 lb kit	05/11/2010 and before
74876 KIT CHICKEN CAESAR SMALL BOWLS 4.5#	4.5 lb kit	05/11/2010 and before

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