DATE: May 11, 2012

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Cleveland Beansprouts Co. Recall

**SUGGESTED
ACTION:**   Unclassified Recall; All alfalfa sprouts because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*; Information provided in case of consumer inquiry.

From the information provided by FDA, the product was distributed in the neighboring State of Ohio. The alfalfa sprouts were only distributed in Ohio.

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Recall -- State / Local Press Release

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Cleveland Beansprouts Co. of Cleveland, OH is recalling all alfalfa sprouts because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*

CLEVELAND, Ohio (May 4, 2012) - Cleveland Beansprouts Co. of Cleveland, OH is recalling all alfalfa sprouts because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections to individuals 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.

All alfalfa sprouts produced by Cleveland Beansprouts are being recalled. There are no lot codes or any other identifier on the product. The alfalfa sprouts were only distributed in Ohio.

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The contamination was discovered by the Ohio Department of Agriculture while collecting and testing samples under the United States Department of Agriculture's Microbiological Data Program. No illnesses have been reported to date.

Consumers who have purchased alfalfa sprouts produced by Cleveland Beansprout should discard them.

Photo: Product Labels[1]