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Consumers: Do Not Eat Certain Bagged Salads Manufactured By River Ranch Fresh Foods Due to Health Risk

SACRAMENTO -- Dr. Ron Chapman, state public health officer and director of California Department of Public Health (CDPH), today warned people not to eat certain bagged salads manufactured by River Ranch Fresh Foods, LLC because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. To date, no illnesses have been reported.

River Ranch Fresh Foods, LLC, of Salinas, California, initiated the voluntary recall of bagged salads after routine sampling detected *Listeria monocytogenes* in two packages of shredded iceberg lettuce purchased from retail locations in California and Colorado. The recalled salad products were distributed nationwide to retail and foodservice outlets under various sizes and packaged under the brand names of River Ranch, Farm Stand, Hy-Vee, Marketside, Shurfresh, The Farmer's Market, Cross Valley, Fresh n Easy, Promark, and Sysco.

A complete list of recalled products, associated lot codes, and use by dates can be found <u>here</u>.

While the bagged salads identified above are no longer being sold, CDPH is concerned that consumers may still have some of the recalled products in their homes. Consumers in possession of this recalled lettuce should discard it or return it to the store of purchase for a refund.

Symptoms of *Listeria* infection may include high fever, headache, and neck stiffness. Infants, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems are at highest risk for severe illness and death. *Listeria* infection in pregnant women can lead to miscarriage or stillbirth, premature delivery, or infection of the newborn baby. For additional information on *Listeriosis*, click <u>here</u>.

CDPH recommends consumers experiencing any ill effects after consuming these products should consult their health care provider. Consumers that observe the product being offered for sale are encouraged to report the activity to the CDPH toll free complaint line at (800) 495-3232.

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