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Heading	The Department of Health of the State of Minnesota of the United States and the Department of Health Services of State of Wisconsin of the U.S. – Notices regarding an outbreak of <i>Salmonella</i> and/or Shiga toxin-producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> (STEC) infections linked to alfalfa sprouts produced by Everything Sprouts and sold under the Calco and Everything Sprouts brands.
The incident	The Department of Health of the State of Minnesota of the United States and the Department of Health Services of State of Wisconsin of the U.S. issued notices regarding an outbreak of <i>Salmonella</i> and/or Shiga toxin-producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> (STEC) infections linked to alfalfa sprouts produced by Everything Sprouts and sold under the Calco and Everything Sprouts brands. Affected products: ■ Alfalfa sprouts produced by Everything Sprouts ● sold under the Calco and Everything Sprouts brands For details, please refer to the websites of the Department of Health of the State of Minnesota of the US and the Department of Health Services of State of Wisconsin of the US.
Source	Website of the Department of Health of the State of Minnesota of the US https://www.health.state.mn.us/news/pressrel/2026/ecoli082026.html Website of the Department of Health Services of State of Wisconsin of the US https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/082026a.htm
Position of CFS	• Information on product distribution outside the United States is not available from the websites of the Department of Health of

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the State of Minnesota of the US and the Department of Health Services of State of Wisconsin of the US. The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) is investigating whether the affected products have been imported to Hong Kong and is contacting the relevant authority for further information. Preliminary investigation did not identify local sale or import of the affected products.

- Acquisition of the products through online purchase or international travel cannot be excluded.
- Consumers should discard the products and not consume them.
- CFS will remain vigilant and monitor for any new development and take appropriate actions when necessary.
- Investigation by CFS is ongoing.
- Some strains of *E. coli* can cause diseases through the production of a toxin called Shiga toxin. These strains are called STEC. STEC infection is transmitted by faecal-oral route through contaminated food and water, or direct contact with STEC carrying animals. Moreover, due to poor personal hygiene, person-to-person transmission of this pathogen is possible through oral-faecal route. Symptoms of STEC infection include abdominal pain and watery diarrhoea that may in some cases progress to bloody diarrhoea. Fever and vomiting may also occur. Intestinal bleeding and serious complications such as haemolytic uraemic syndrome may also develop in some people. *E. coli*, including STEC, cannot survive under high temperature and can be killed by thorough cooking.
- *Salmonella* infection may cause fever and gastrointestinal upset such as abdominal pain and diarrhoea. People with lowered immunity such as infants and the elderly could present with more severe and even life-threatening infection.