

## Freshway and Imperial Sysco Romaine Lettuce Recall

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Nursing homes and other healthcare providers contracting with Imperial Sysco or using products from FreshwayFoods should be aware that Freshway Foods is voluntarily recalling products containing romaine lettuce with a use-by date of May 12, 2010, or earlier because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Escherichia coli* O145 bacteria (*E. coli* O145). The products were sold under the Freshway brand and Imperial Sysco brand. The company is working with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to inform consumers of this recall. The recalled romaine lettuce products were sold to wholesalers and food service outlets in the following states east of the Mississippi river: **Alabama**, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, **Kentucky**, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, **North Carolina**, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, **South Carolina**, **Tennessee**, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Infections caused by *E.coli* are particularly serious for the elderly and persons with co-morbid medical conditions. Access the [FDA press release](#) for more information.