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Title:	Public Health Alert: Recall LeaderBrand Salad Products for Listeria

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Recall Leaderbrand Salad Products for Listeria

The Ministry of Health has asked us to distribute this information on a recall of Leaderbrand salad products that are **potentially** contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

- A consumer level recall will be initiated shortly by LeaderBrand Produce Ltd in Gisborne. LeaderBrand Produce Ltd will be recalling specific batches of various brands (including Value brand, Pam's Fresh Express brand, Fresh Plus brand, LeaderBrand brand and potentially others) and unbranded of freshcut salads due to the presence of *Listeria spp.*

The affected branded products have been sold in both Foodstuffs and Progressive/Countdown supermarkets in New Zealand. Unlabelled products have been supplied to Subway, Pita Pit and My Food Bag.

We have no reports of associated illness.

Full details of the potentially affected products will be available at

<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/food-safety/food-safety-for-consumers/food-recalls/>

Exposure to *Listeria monocytogenes* is a health risk for immunocompromised individuals including pregnant women (and their unborn babies) and the very young and old. The incubation period

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can be from 3-70 days with an average of 3-4 weeks. Please ensure that your at risk patients are aware of this recall and of any compatible illness in a person who has been exposed to the at risk batches.

Further information on Listeriosis is available at:

- <http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/food-and-water-borne-diseases/listeria>