

Food Recall Summary

October 2023



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North America

United States October 2023:

Outbreaks

Outbreak (USA): The CDC, public health and regulatory officials in several states and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are investigating a multistate outbreak of Salmonella Thompson infections linked to the consumption of Gill Onions branded fresh diced onion products, more here>

Outbreak (USA): The FDA is advising restaurants and retailers not to serve or sell and consumers not to eat oysters from Future Seafoods, Inc. because they are potentially contaminated with Salmonella and E. coli, more here>

North America Recall Snapshot 64

Chemical 1

Extraneous material 4

Microbiological 22

Processing/inspection **15**

Undeclared allergens 21

*Other **1**

*Potential choking hazard

Recalls

Chemical 1
Extraneous material 1
Microbiological 10
Processing/inspection 6
Undeclared allergens 13

*Other 1

*Potential choking hazard

Canada October 2023:

Chemical 0 Extraneous material 3 Microbiological 12 Processing/inspection 9 Undeclared allergens 8 Other 0

Industry News

30 October 2023: Consumer Reports study finds onethird of cacao-containing products contain high levels of heavy metals, here>

26 October 2023: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) reports 16-country (US) Salmonella Enteritidis outbreak linked to chicken- and chicken meat products, here>

24 October 2023: FDA releases FY 2021 Pesticide Residue Monitoring Report, here>

23 October 2023: Maine's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) releases updated draft rule 'Reduction of Toxics in Packaging' on the implementation of the State's Toxics in Packaging Law; draft rule imposes sales prohibition for certain food packaging containing intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and also prohibits the sale of food packaging to which phthalates have



been intentionally introduced in more than incidental amounts, here>

- 23 October 2023: US government and companies face complicated path to removing Uyghur labour from seafood supply chain, here>
- **20 October 2023:** Senators introduce Organic Dairy Assistance, Investment, and Reporting Yields Act (O DAIRY) Act of 2023 to support organic dairy farmers, here>
- **20 October 2023:** The US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) announces next steps for ongoing engagement with industry and government to update the National Cyber Incident Response Plan (NCIRP), here>
- **19 October 2023:** Bella Casara faces scrutiny over animal welfare concerns; Canadian buffalo mozzarella producer caught up in PETA investigation about long-term neglect and mistreatment of buffaloes at its milk supplier, here>
- 17 October 2023: FDA publishes 'Catching Up with Califf: Advancing Nutrition, Healthy Food Options and Front-of-Package Labelling'; the update, written by FDA Commissioner Robert Califf, discusses the FDA's nutrition efforts in response to last year's White House Conference and National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health, here>
- **17 October 2023:** The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) signals its regulatory interest in PFAS, here>
- 17 October 2023: California Attorney General Rob Bonta issues enforcement advisory letter to manufacturers, distributors and sellers of food packaging and cookware of responsibility to disclose presence of dangerous PFAS, here>
- **13 October 2023:** FDA publishes updated Prior Notice of Imported Food Guidance 4th Edition, here>
- **07 October 2023:** California Governor Gavin Newsom signs Assembly Bill 418, titled the California Food Safety Act (the FSA) banning four additives that are considered safe by the US Food and Drug

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Administration (FDA); ban effective as of 1 January 2027, here>

- **06 October 2023:** FDA issues updated Compliance Program for Infant Formula; program comprehensively outlines the agency's approach towards inspections, sample collection, sample analysis and compliance activities, here>
- **05 October 2023:** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) updates Industry Labelling Tool's guidance for simulated meat and simulated poultry products, here>
- **04 October 2023:** German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) to spearhead Safety in the Game Meat Chain network of 29 countries, many of which are EU member states and non-EU countries, including those in the Western Balkans, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, New Zealand and Australia, here>
- **01 October 2023:** FDA publishes draft guidance document titled 'Defining Durations of Use for Approved Medically Important Antimicrobial Drugs Fed to Food-Producing Animals'; guidance document is part of ongoing effort to promote the judicious use of medically important antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals, here>
- **01 October 2023:** US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalizes rule to require reporting of PFAS data to better protect communities from forever chemicals, here>

APAC

Outbreaks 0

APAC Recall Snapshot

81

Chemical 7

Extraneous material **2**

Microbiological **7**



Processing/inspection **51**

Undeclared allergens 14

Other **0**

Recalls



Japan October 2023:

Chemical 3 Extraneous material 1 Microbiological 2 Processing/inspection 45 Undeclared allergens 11 Other 0



Singapore October 2023:

Chemical 0 Extraneous material 0 Microbiological 1 Processing/inspection 0 Undeclared allergens 0 Other 0



New Zealand October 2023:

Chemical 1 Extraneous material 1 Microbiological 0 Processing/inspection 1 Undeclared allergens 2 Other 0



Hong Kong October 2023:

Chemical 2 Extraneous material 0 Microbiological 0 Processing/inspection 1 Undeclared allergens 1 Other 0



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Chemical 1 Extraneous material 0 Microbiological 4 Processing/inspection 0 Undeclared allergens 0 Other 0



Macau October 2023:

Chemical 0 Extraneous material 0 Microbiological 0 Processing/inspection 4 Undeclared allergens 0 Other 0

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- 24 October 2023: 1,000 cats rescued in China from being slaughtered and sold as pork, mutton, here>
- 23 October 2023: Singapore Food Agency (SFA) reviews import requirements for milk, milk products and products containing milk from China and will remove melamine-related import requirements with effect from 1 November 2023, here>
- 19 October 2023: Chinese authorities seize at least 7,800 suspected smuggled hairy crabs in a joint operation with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), here>
- 18 October 2023: Licensed Singaporean meat importer fined \$37,500 for failure to arrange for inspection, examination and certification by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA), as well as for selling a consignment of frozen boneless chicken legs prior to inspection, here>
- 11 October 2023: Hong Kong Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department publishes results of a recently completed



risk assessment study on Methoxychlor (MXC) in food, here>

10 October 2023: Chinese police bust large crossregional criminal gang that produced and sold counterfeit liquor and seized more than 6500 bottles of counterfeit Moutai liquor, here>

04 October 2023: German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) to spearhead Safety in the Game Meat Chain network of 29 countries, many of which are EU member states and non-EU countries, including those in the Western Balkans, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, New Zealand and Australia, here>

01 October 2023: New Zealand Food Safety (NZFS), a Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) unit, publish 2022 Annual Report concerning Foodborne Diseases in NZ; reports a rise in most major foodborne infections, here>

United Kingdom & EU

Outbreaks

Outbreak (United Kingdom): The Food Standards Agency (FSA) and Food Standards Scotland (FSS) are advising pregnant women and those with a weakened immune system to thoroughly cook Enoki mushrooms before consuming them due to possible presence of Listeria monocytogenes and the risk of severe disease, more here>

Outbreak (Denmark): The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, the DTU Food Institute and the Statens Serum Institut are investigating an outbreak of six cases of E. coli (STEC) O157:H7 infections possibly linked to ox kidney stones, more here>

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UK & EU Recall Snapshot 206

Chemical 29

Extraneous material 21

Microbiological 81

Processing/inspection 27

Undeclared allergens 41

*Other **7**

*Potential choking hazard

Recalls

Given the complexities of navigating a multinational and/or systematic recall; where a single ingredient in a 'finished product' is deemed to be unsafe, resulting in additional products being recalled, please contact us on +44 (0)1491 683710 to speak to one of our Product Recall consultants.

United Kingdom October 2023:

Chemical 0
Extraneous material 1
Microbiological 2
Processing/inspection 0
Undeclared allergens 10
*Other 2

*Potential choking hazard

Austria October 2023:

Chemical 0 Extraneous material 1 Microbiological 0 Processing/inspection 0 Undeclared allergens 0



Belgium October 2023:

Chemical 6
Extraneous material 2
Microbiological 7
Processing/inspection 0
Undeclared allergens 4
*Other 1

*Potential choking hazard

France October 2023:

Chemical 12
Extraneous material 6
Microbiological 56
Processing/inspection 17
Undeclared allergens 9
Other 0

Finland October 2023:

Chemical 1
Extraneous material 0
Microbiological 1
Processing/inspection 0
Undeclared allergens 2
Other 0

Italy October 2023:

Chemical 3
Extraneous material 1
Microbiological 3
Processing/inspection 0
Undeclared allergens 3
Other 0

Germany October 2023:

Chemical 2
Extraneous material 2
Microbiological 3
Processing/inspection 3
Undeclared allergens 2
Other 0

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Luxembourg October 2023:

Chemical 2
Extraneous material 2
Microbiological 2
Processing/inspection 4
Undeclared allergens 0

*Other 2
*Potential choking hazard

Denmark October 2023:

Chemical 1
Extraneous material 1
Microbiological 0
Processing/inspection 2
Undeclared allergens 1
*Other 2
*Potential choking hazard

Sweden October 2023:

Chemical 0 Extraneous material 3 Microbiological 0 Processing/inspection 0 Undeclared allergens 0 Other 0

Netherlands October 2023:

Chemical 0 Extraneous material 1 Microbiological 3 Processing/inspection 0 Undeclared allergens 5 Other 0

Spain October 2023:

Chemical 0 Extraneous material 0 Microbiological 1 Processing/inspection 0 Undeclared allergens 5 Other 0





Chemical 0
Extraneous material 1
Microbiological 0
Processing/inspection 0
Undeclared allergens 0
Other 0

Hungary October 2023:

Chemical 2
Extraneous material 0
Microbiological 3
Processing/inspection 1
Undeclared allergens 0
Other 0

Industry News

- **31 October 2023:** Supermarkets in United Kingdom report mixed Campylobacter results in chicken for first two quarters of 2023, here>
- 29 October 2023: Spanish authorities arrest two men for stealing 56 tons of extra virgin olive oil (total value of 500 000 Euros), here>
- **28 October 2023:** Portuguese authorities seize 4,300 litres of olive pomace oil mislabelled as extra virgin olive oil, here>
- **27 October 2023:** UK experiences 'unprecedented' increase in Cryptosporidium cases; ongoing nationwide spike, here>
- **26 October 2023:** European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) reports 16-country Salmonella Enteritidis outbreak linked to chicken- and chicken meat products, here>
- 26 October 2023: The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) reports seven enforcements served on seafood businesses during July, August & September of 2023 for breaches of food safety legislation pursuant to the FSAI Act, 1998 and the European Union (Food & Feed Hygiene) Regulations 2020, here>

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- **18 October 2023:** Spanish authorities seize 91 tons of olives and investigate 30 people for crimes of olive theft, false documentation and fraud, here>
- 17 October 2023: European Parliament approves new EU fisheries control rules; all EU fishing vessels will be monitored and their catches reported electronically, to ensure full traceability, under a revamped EU fisheries control system, here>
- **16 October 2023:** Italian authorities seize 3.3 tons of seafood illegally caught or without traceability documentation, here>
- **16 October 2023:** Europol and the European Labour Authority arrest 38 in action against agricultural labour exploitation; Europe-wide operation identifies 1 583 workers affected by labour exploitation including 353 possible human trafficking victims, here>
- **16 October 2023:** European Union sets new reduced limits for the use of nitrites and nitrates as food additives, here>
- **13 October 2023:** FoodDrinkEurope position paper provides key recommendations on proposals to remove per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from use in food contact, here>
- **13 October 2023:** UK online grocer Abel & Cole, launches first refillable, plastic milk bottle, here>
- **12 October 2023:** Italian authorities seize 300,000 litres of wine without traceability documentation and 3 tons of sugar used to adulterate wine, here>
- **11 October 2023:** 2,040 tonnes of illegal pesticides seized and 21 suspects arrested in Operation Silver Axe VIII, Europol's largest seizure of fake or illegal pesticides to date, here>
- **11 October 2023:** Danish wax manufacturer Procudan, develops first fossil-free cheese wax, here>
- **10 October 2023:** UK's Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Pesticide Enforcement Officers (PEOs) to commence risk-based farm visits as of November to check how well plant protection products (PPP) users are complying with the law, here>



10 October 2023: €30 million worth of seizures in first OPSON Europe, a record 143 arrest warrants were issued during the operational activities; targeted food fraud in customs areas, physical and online markets (ecommerce platforms) and across the food supply chain, here>

10 October 2023: UK's Food Standards Agency (FSA) publishes The Cost of Food Crime Phase 2 – Results; total impact on the UK is estimated to be between £409 million and £1.96 billion per year, here>

06 October 2023: Norovirus behind most outbreaks and illnesses in Sweden, here>

04 October 2023: German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) to spearhead Safety in the Game Meat Chain network of 29 countries, many of which are EU member states and non-EU countries, including those in the Western Balkans, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, New Zealand and Australia, here>

04 October 2023: Study by Swansea University academics in the UK into powdered infant formula preparation safety has revealed that 85% of the 74 infant formula preparation machines tested by parents in UK homes did not appear to produce water that would be hot enough to kill all harmful bacteria in infant formula, here>

03 October 2023: UK factory worker sentenced after contaminating food products bound for high street restaurants; Senior Crown Prosecutor for CPS West Midlands, said: "This was an extremely disturbing case that could have had far-reaching implications had the defendant not been caught", here>

03 October 2023: Italian authorities seize 53,600 litres of wine in Bologna to the value of 100 000 Euros, here>

02 October 2023: Detectives from the Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA) discover illegal slaughterhouse in Utrecht, here>

02 October 2023: EU fishing vessel master convicted and fined for under-recording of catch following vessel detention, here>

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