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## North America

### Outbreaks

 **Outbreak (Canada):** Alberta Health Services is investigating an outbreak of 349 lab-confirmed cases of E. coli O157 linked to a commercial kitchen which services multiple daycare centres. Six patients were hospitalized with haemolytic uremic syndrome, more [here>](#)

 **Outbreak (USA):** The FDA is investigating an outbreak of 10 Salmonella Newport illnesses, source yet unknown, more [here>](#)

 **Outbreak (USA):** Minnesota health authorities are investigating one case of E. coli O111:H8 and eight cases of cryptosporidiosis linked to Healthy Harvest Farm and Kitchen raw milk, more [here>](#)

## North America Recall Snapshot 50

Chemical **1**

Extraneous material **4**

Microbiological **10**

Processing/inspection **15**

Undeclared allergens **20**

Other **0**

### Recalls

 **United States September 2023:**

Chemical 0  
Extraneous material 2  
Microbiological 5  
Processing/inspection 6  
Undeclared allergens 9  
Other 0

 **Canada September 2023:**

Chemical 1  
Extraneous material 2  
Microbiological 5  
Processing/inspection 9  
Undeclared allergens 11  
Other 0

### Industry News

**29 September 2023:** The US Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) protects US poultry with restrictions on poultry and poultry products from France and the European Union due to increased risk of introducing Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) into the United States, effective 1 October 2023, [here>](#)

**29 September 2023:** The US Government Accountability Office (GAO) publishes report on Persistent Chemicals: Detecting, Limiting Exposure To, and Treating per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) Contamination, [here>](#)

**28 September 2023:** Four crab fishermen in British Columbia, Canada hit with fines totalling more than CAD 287,000 (USD 212,700, EUR 201,400) for illegal fishing and license violations, [here>](#)

**28 September 2023:** Multinational industrial control system conglomerate hit by Dark Angels ransomware



cyber-attack; \$51 million demand to not publish stolen data on 'Dunghill Leaks' site, [here>](#)

**28 September 2023:** Maritime Transportation: Whose Responsibility Is It When Produce Arrives in Damaged Condition? [here>](#)

**27 September 2023:** The United States National Security Agency (NSA), the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Japan National Police Agency (NPA) and the Japan National Centre of Incident Readiness and Strategy for Cybersecurity (NISC) release joint cybersecurity advisory (CSA) warning The People's Republic of China-linked cyber actors hide in router firmware, [here>](#)

**27 September 2023:** Company at centre of E. coli outbreak at Calgary daycares faces licensing charges, [here>](#)

**26 September 2023:** Industry groups rally around seafood provisions in US Farm Bill; looking to elevate seafood's profile within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), [here>](#)

**26 September 2023:** The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) publish Draft Guidance which could result in safer food options for people with allergies to sesame and other food allergens; provides examples of ways manufacturers can significantly minimize or prevent allergen cross-contact and undeclared allergens, [here>](#)

**26 September 2023:** Capterra publish results of 2023 Manufacturers' Resource Management Survey; 80% of SME manufacturers in the US concerned about the future availability of key raw materials and water, regardless of industry, [here>](#)

**26 September 2023:** FDA publishes two new chapters of human foods HARPC Draft Guidance [here>](#); Chapter 11: Food Allergen Program [here>](#) and Chapter 16: Acidified Foods [here>](#)

**21 September 2023:** Nationwide truck driver shortage threatens Canada's supply chains and economy; shipment delays, out-of-stock retail shelves and increased prices, [here>](#)

## Food Recall Summary

**20 September 2023:** The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) release joint Cybersecurity Advisory (CSA) warning of Snatch Ransomware, [here>](#)

**20 September 2023:** FDA provides update on Cronobacter Prevention Strategy; aimed to prevent Cronobacter sakazakii illnesses associated with consumption of powdered infant formula, [here>](#)

**19 September 2023:** Canadian Food Innovation Network (CFIN) awards more than \$3M to two Canadian cellular food projects, [here>](#)

**14 September 2023:** The International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN) publish their Quarterly Summary 2023 #2, [here>](#)

**14 September 2023:** The FDA alerts parents and caregivers to concerns regarding LittleOak infant formula; FDA determined that LittleOak Infant Formula was sold in the US without complying with the FDA's infant formula regulations, [here>](#)

**12 September 2023:** Kaspersky publishes Threat landscape for industrial automation systems, Statistics for H1 2023; percentage of industrial control system (ICS) computers on which malicious objects were blocked increased in manufacturing sector, [here>](#)

**12 September 2023:** US Senators write to FDA urging agency to enforce Standards of Identity (SOI) for dairy products and warn of a 'new, additional perpetrator – cell-based dairy imitation products', [here>](#)

**11 September 2023:** Grupo Bimbo's Canada Bread banned from government contracts over price-fixing; Canada Bread fined \$50 million in June 2023, by the Ontario Superior Court after pleading guilty for its role in criminal price-fixing arrangement that raised the wholesale price of fresh commercial bread, [here>](#)

**08 September 2023:** California Senate removes titanium dioxide from AB 418 List of Prohibited Substances, [here>](#)

**08 September 2023:** Global container freight still stalled; global industrial production and containerised freight flows remained in the doldrums at the start of the





third quarter, confounding predictions earlier in the year for a strong rebound, [here>](#)

**06 September 2023:** The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Health Organization (WHO) publish full report of an analysis looking at reducing the risk of microbiological hazards in fresh fruits and vegetables, [here>](#)

**06 September 2023:** The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) panel sides with New Zealand over Canada dairy supply-management rules, [here>](#)

**01 September 2023:** FDA publishes updated version of The Seafood List: FDA Guide to Determine Acceptable Seafood Names: Guidance for Industry, which is intended to be used in conjunction with FDA's The Seafood List to determine acceptable market names for seafood products, [here>](#)



## Outbreaks

**Outbreak (New Zealand):** Public health authorities are warning of excessive levels of diarrhetic shellfish toxins (more than 3.5x the safe limit) discovered in shellfish in Marlborough Sounds, more [here>](#)

**Outbreak (New Zealand):** New Zealand Food Safety is advising the public not to collect or consume shellfish harvested from the Raglan coastline due to the presence of Paralytic Shellfish Toxins in shellfish, more [here>](#)

**Outbreak (Australia):** Australian health authorities are investigating a listeria outbreak in the eastern states, likely linked to contaminated chicken, some of it served in hospitals, more [here>](#)

## APAC Recall Snapshot

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Chemical **3**

Extraneous material **5**

Microbiological **5**

Processing/inspection **37**

Undeclared allergens **14**

Other **0**

## Recalls

**Japan September 2023:**

Chemical 2  
Extraneous material 3  
Microbiological 3  
Processing/inspection 31  
Undeclared allergens 9  
Other 0

**Singapore September 2023:**

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

**New Zealand September 2023:**

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

**Hong Kong September 2023:**

Chemical 1  
Extraneous material 0



Microbiological 1  
Processing/inspection 3  
Undeclared allergens 0  
Other 0



#### Australia September 2023:

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



#### Macau September 2023:

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

## Industry News

**28 September 2023:** Multinational industrial control system conglomerate hit by Dark Angels ransomware cyber-attack; \$51 million demand to not publish stolen data on 'Dunghill Leaks' site, [here>](#)

**27 September 2023:** The United States National Security Agency (NSA), the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Japan National Police Agency (NPA) and the Japan National Centre of Incident Readiness and Strategy for Cybersecurity (NISC) release joint cybersecurity advisory (CSA) warning The People's Republic of China-linked cyber actors hide in router firmware, [here>](#)

**26 September 2023:** Auckland (New Zealand) importers fined \$28,000 over failure to properly label food allergens on thousands of products, [here>](#)

## Food Recall Summary

**26 September 2023:** China updates its Regulation of Food Ingredients and Additives, [here>](#)

**22 September 2023:** Incidents and potential adverse health effects of serious food fraud cases originated in Asia, [here>](#)

**21 September 2023:** Hong Kong Customs seize 1, 100kg of suspected smuggled live lobsters and 400kg of chilled seafood with an estimated market value of about \$4 million in anti-smuggling operation in the southern waters of Hong Kong, [here>](#)

**20 September 2023:** Pizza Hut customer data breached in Australian cyber-attack, [here>](#)

**14 September 2023:** The International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN) publish their Quarterly Summary 2023 #2, [here>](#)

**12 September 2023:** Japan provides update on Positive List (PL) of synthetic resins for food utensils, containers, and packaging (UCP), [here>](#)

**12 September 2023:** Kaspersky publishes Threat landscape for industrial automation systems, Statistics for H1 2023; percentage of industrial control system (ICS) computers on which malicious objects were blocked increased in manufacturing sector, [here>](#)

**12 September 2023:** APAC cocoa industry says EU Deforestation Regulation could create 'two-tier market', [here>](#)

**08 September 2023:** The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) seizes over 1.6 tonnes of vegetables illegally imported from Malaysia, [here>](#)

**08 September 2023:** Global container freight still stalled; global industrial production and containerised freight flows remained in the doldrums at the start of the third quarter, confounding predictions earlier in the year for a strong rebound, [here>](#)

**06 September 2023:** New Zealand Food Safety is advising people not to consume a seaweed tonic being sold in a glass bottle labelled 'NZ Focuidan' or an unlabelled bottle because the tonic presents a concerning food safety risk, [here>](#)


**06 September 2023:** The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Health Organization (WHO) publish full report of an analysis looking at reducing the risk of microbiological hazards in fresh fruits and vegetables, [here>](#)

**06 September 2023:** The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) panel sides with New Zealand over Canada dairy supply-management rules, [here>](#)


**02 September 2023:** Explainer: New Zealand's Grocery Code of Conduct for supermarkets and suppliers; big supermarket chains will soon face fines of up to \$3 million if they do not treat small suppliers fairly, [here>](#)


## United Kingdom & EU

### Outbreaks


 **Outbreak (Spain):** Spanish health authorities are investigating a total of 444 cases of gastroenteritis due to *Cryptosporidium* linked to the local tap water, more [here>](#)


 **Outbreak (Belgium):** The Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC) and the Flemish Departement Zorg are investigating more than 50 *Shigella* infections at a venue in Beernem, source yet unknown, more [here>](#)

 **Outbreak (Finland):** The Finnish Food Authority (Ruokavirasto), National Institute of Health and Welfare (THL) and local agencies are investigating an outbreak of 800 cases of food poisoning linked to school meals, source and cause yet unknown, more [here>](#)

 **Outbreak (France):** Local public health authorities in France are investigating 15 cases

of suspected botulism, including one death, reported in Bordeaux and Ile-de-France linked to the consumption of homemade preserved sardines, more [here>](#)

 **Outbreak (Sweden):** Sweden's Public Health Institute reports that the number of reported cases of campylobacter infection in Sweden continued to be high during August with an average of 140 reported cases per week but has decreased slightly in the last three weeks. The number of cases during the period August-September is comparable to the same time of year in the previous year, more [here>](#)

 **Outbreak (Sweden):** The Swedish Public Health Authority and the Swedish Food Agency continue investigations into a deadly outbreak of 19 cases of *Listeria monocytogenes* infections, resulting in 6 deaths, which appear to be linked to the consumption of vacuum-packaged smoked salmon, more [here>](#)

## UK & EU Recall Snapshot 216

Chemical 40

Extraneous material 15

Microbiological 109

Processing/inspection 15

Undeclared allergens 34

\*Other 3

\*Presence of mineral oils (MOAH: Mineral Oil Aromatic Hydrocarbons)



## 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 September 2023:

Chemical 0  
Extraneous material 2  
Microbiological 3  
Processing/inspection 1  
Undeclared allergens 6  
Other 0



### Austria September 2023:

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



### Belgium September 2023:

Chemical 13  
Extraneous material 2  
Microbiological 10  
Processing/inspection 0  
Undeclared allergens 1  
\*Other 2

\*Presence of mineral oils (MOAH: Mineral Oil Aromatic Hydrocarbons)



### France September 2023:

Chemical 17  
Extraneous material 6  
Microbiological 71  
Processing/inspection 7  
Undeclared allergens 4

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Other 0



### Finland September 2023:

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



### Italy September 2023:

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



### Germany September 2023:

Chemical 4  
Extraneous material 2  
Microbiological 4  
Processing/inspection 2  
Undeclared allergens 3  
Other 0



### Luxembourg September 2023:

Chemical 1  
Extraneous material 1  
Microbiological 6  
Processing/inspection 1  
Undeclared allergens 1  
\*Other 1

\*Presence of mineral oils (MOAH: Mineral Oil Aromatic Hydrocarbons)



### Denmark September 2023:

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



## Sweden September 2023:

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



## Netherlands September 2023:

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



## Spain September 2023:

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



## Romania September 2023:

Chemical 0  
Extraneous material 0  
Microbiological 1  
Processing/inspection 0  
Undeclared allergens 8  
Other 0

## Industry News

**28 September 2023:** UK Gov launches consultation on updating labelling guidance for no- and low-alcohol alternatives, [here>](#)

**28 September 2023:** The Netherlands deemed to be Europe's biggest importer of deforestation products; palm oil, soy and cocoa, [here>](#)

**28 September 2023:** Multinational industrial control system conglomerate hit by Dark Angels ransomware cyber-attack; \$51 million demand to not publish stolen data on 'Dunghill Leaks' site, [here>](#)

**28 September 2023:** FSA (England) launches Consultation on the post implementation review of The Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (England) Regulations 2012, [here>](#)

**21 September 2023:** The Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA) and The National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) publish the Registration of food-related outbreaks in the Netherlands 2022; noting a significant increase in the number of outbreaks, [here>](#)

**19 September 2023:** Food fraud detection and reporting by food control officers in Finland, [here>](#)

**14 September 2023:** The International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN) publish their Quarterly Summary 2023 #2, [here>](#)

**13 September 2023:** The Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM Panel) of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) publishes updated risk assessment of mineral oil hydrocarbons (MOH) in certain food items, [here>](#)

**13 September 2023:** Italian authorities seize 500,000 litres of common wine in Operation 'Paper Wine' with a total value of 1.5 million Euros; counterfeit Geographical Indications, [here>](#)

**12 September 2023:** Kaspersky publishes Threat landscape for industrial automation systems, Statistics for H1 2023; percentage of industrial control system (ICS) computers on which malicious objects were blocked increased in manufacturing sector, [here>](#)

**12 September 2023:** UK Gov amends The Border Target Operating Model; arrangements for movements from Ireland and in some cases Northern Ireland to Great Britain will change from 31 January 2024, [here>](#)

**12 September 2023:** The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) publish their Annual Report 2022; recalls declined in 2022 but noted a 17% increase in food incidents, [here>](#)





## Food Recall Summary

**11 September 2023:** The UK Food Standards Agency (FSA) shares update on tackling food crime from the Food Fraud Working Group, [here>](#)

**10 September 2023:** The FSA publishes findings from its new monthly Consumer Insights Tracker; 72% concerned about animal welfare in the food industry, [here>](#)

**08 September 2023:** Global container freight still stalled; global industrial production and containerised freight flows remained in the doldrums at the start of the third quarter, confounding predictions earlier in the year for a strong rebound, [here>](#)

**07 September 2023:** The FSA publishes Incidents and Resilience Annual Report 2022/23; noting annual decline in the number of incidents and recalls handled by the FSA, [here>](#)

**06 September 2023:** The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Health Organization (WHO) publish full report of an analysis looking at reducing the risk of microbiological hazards in fresh fruits and vegetables, [here>](#)

**05 September 2023:** The UK Food Standards Agency (FSA) publishes updates to best practice guidance on food allergen labelling, [here>](#)

**04 September 2023:** France reintroduces bid to ban meat names for plant-based food in order to avoid 'misleading claims' of some meat alternatives, [here>](#)

**04 September 2023:** The Food and Drink Federation (FDF) publishes new guidance on change management of allergen information; to help food and drink businesses of all sizes understand the actions they should consider when managing changes that impact the allergen labelling on pre-packaged products, [here>](#)

**01 September 2023:** Belgian researchers discover poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in majority of straws tested; most common in those made from paper and bamboo, [here>](#)

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