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North America

Outbreaks

 **Outbreak (USA):** The FDA is investigating 57 reports of adverse events potentially linked to Cinnamon Applesauce Pouches, more [here>](#)

 **Outbreak (USA & Canada):** The CDC, public health and regulatory officials in several states and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are collecting different types of data to investigate a multistate outbreak of Salmonella Sundsvall infections [here>](#) after The Canadian Food Inspection Agency found Salmonella in a sample of Malichita brand cantaloupe, more [here>](#)

 **Outbreak (USA):** The FDA is investigating 44 case of Salmonella Newport infections, source yet unknown, more [here>](#)

 **Outbreak (USA):** The CDC, public health and regulatory officials in several states and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are collecting different types of data to investigate a multistate outbreak of Listeria monocytogenes infections, more [here>](#)

North America Recall Snapshot 75

Chemical **1**

Extraneous material **8**

Microbiological **25**

Processing/inspection **15**

Undeclared allergens **26**

Other **0**

Recalls



United States November 2023:

Chemical 1
Extraneous material 3
Microbiological 11
Processing/inspection 0
Undeclared allergens 12
Other 1



Canada November 2023:

Chemical 0
Extraneous material 5
Microbiological 14
Processing/inspection 15
Undeclared allergens 14
Other 0

Industry News

30 November 2023: FDA rolls out third wave of new FAQs and tools for the Food Traceability Rule to assist stakeholders, [here>](#)

30 November 2023: Outlaw Ocean Project unveils extensive evidence of Uyghur forced labour in US seafood supply chain, [here>](#)

30 November 2023: Legal Insight; How Industry Members Can Prepare for Alcohol Theft, [here>](#)

29 November 2023: US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) publishes final rule on November 29, 2023, updating the National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard's (the Standard) List of Bioengineered (BE) Foods (the List) by adding "sugarcane (Bt insect-resistant varieties)" and amending "squash (summer)" to "squash (summer, coat protein-mediated virus-resistant varieties)", [here>](#)

27 November 2023: The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces several proposed changes to its Safer Choice Standard, [here>](#)

27 November 2023: FDA publish SME-friendly compliance guide on new yogurt standard, [here>](#)

22 November 2023: The United States Food & Drug Administration (FDA) shares information on Redundancy Risk Management Plans for Critical Food Manufacturers, [here>](#)

21 November 2023: US Senators introduce Ensuring Safe and Toxic-Free Foods Act, which would end legal entitlement to market foods based on self-determined (and voluntary) generally recognized as safe (GRAS) position and would instead require notification to FDA and provision of supporting information, [here>](#)

17 November 2023: FDA updates its Leafy Green STEC Action Plan (LGAP), originally released in 2020 following recurring outbreaks linked to leafy greens caused by Shiga toxin-producing E. Coli (STEC), [here>](#)

16 November 2023: Canadian Federal Court overrules government's plastics toxicity label citing overreach under the Environmental Protection Act, [here>](#)

15 November 2023: Trio of Canadian companies set to revolutionize plant-based food market with plant-based salmon fillet, [here>](#)

10 November 2023: CargoNet reports 692 incidents of theft and pilferage in the US and Canada during the third quarter, a 59% increase from the third quarter of 2022, [here>](#)

09 November 2023: The US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issues Final Rule to allow importation of fresh beef from Paraguay, [here>](#)

08 November 2023: The Consumer Federation of America (CFA) submits petition to FDA requesting that the agency amend the flavouring regulation, [here>](#)

07 November 2023: WHO launches guide on whole genome sequencing use as a tool for foodborne disease surveillance and response, [here>](#)

03 November 2023: The US Food and Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) denies petition for USDA-FDA dual jurisdiction on eggs, [here>](#)

02 November 2023: The FDA moves to end use of brominated vegetable oil (BVO) in food; use of BVO in food is no longer considered safe after results of studies conducted in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) found the potential for adverse health effects in humans, [here>](#)

01 November 2023: California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) proposes amendments to warning requirements under Proposition 65 (otherwise known as Prop 65 or the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986), [here>](#)

01 November 2023: The Canadian Dairy Commission (CDC) delays farmgate milk price hike by three months, [here>](#)

01 November 2023: New milestone reached in the protection of Canadian pigs and pork industry against African swine fever, [here>](#)

01 November 2023: North Carolina officials seize \$170K of THC-infused snacks, candy packaged using counterfeited brands; most of the THC-infused candy and snacks found in shops near schools and colleges, [here>](#)

01 November 2023: Scientific journal addresses food fraud vulnerabilities related to the cultured meat sector, and how to use known analytical techniques to tackle them, [here>](#)

APAC

Outbreaks 0

APAC Recall Snapshot

91

Chemical 12

Extraneous material 8

Microbiological 5



Processing/inspection **38**

Undeclared allergens **28**

Other **0**

Recalls



Japan November 2023:

Chemical 11

Extraneous material 7

Microbiological 4

Processing/inspection 33

Undeclared allergens 22

Other 0



Singapore November 2023:

Chemical 0

Extraneous material 0

Microbiological 0

Processing/inspection 0

Undeclared allergens 0

Other 0



New Zealand November 2023:

Chemical 0

Extraneous material 1

Microbiological 0

Processing/inspection 0

Undeclared allergens 3

Other 0



Hong Kong November 2023:

Chemical 0

Extraneous material 0

Microbiological 0

Processing/inspection 3

Undeclared allergens 0

Other 0



Australia November 2023:

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Chemical 0

Extraneous material 0

Microbiological 1

Processing/inspection 1

Undeclared allergens 3

Other 0



Macau November 2023:

Chemical 1

Extraneous material 0

Microbiological 0

Processing/inspection 1

Undeclared allergens 0

Other 0

Industry News

28 November 2023: Tokyo goes to war against dodgy business operators abroad; The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries estimates that food products passed off as genuine Japanese cuisine items such as Kobe beef, Seki Saba mackerel, Uji matcha and Nagasaki castella cake rake in more than 70 billion yen (\$470 million) annually, [here>](#)

28 November 2023: The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) seizes around 1.1 tonnes of vegetables and fruits illegally imported from Malaysia, [here>](#)

25 November 2023: Australia mandates country-of-origin seafood labelling at all foodservice venues, [here>](#)

20 November 2023: Singaporean Far Ocean and its Chief Financial Officer sentenced to \$223,000 and \$155,000 respectively for multiple offences under the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act, [here>](#)

10 November 2023: Consumers' perceptions of food fraud in selected Southeast Asian countries: a cross sectional study, [here>](#)

08 November 2023: Singaporean authorities seize 2.4 tons of batang fish, red grouper fish and prawns illegally stored in an unlicensed facility, [here>](#)



08 November 2023: The Sandakan branch of the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living (KPDN) in Malaysia seizes 864kgs of frozen meat products worth RM17,302 suspected to be mixed with pork products, [here>](#)

07 November 2023: WHO launches guide on whole genome sequencing use as a tool for foodborne disease surveillance and response, [here>](#)

06 November 2023: Chinese authorities seize 58.5 tons of contraband frozen meat and 797.5 tons of contraband seafood, [here>](#)

03 November 2023: Mushroom murders; Australian Erin Patterson charged after lunch killed three, [here>](#)

03 November 2023: The China National Centre for Food Safety Risk Assessment (CFSA) solicits comments on resin for Food Contact, [here>](#)

02 November 2023: New Zealand Food Safety invites comments on proposed changes to the import requirements for frozen berries, [here>](#)

01 November 2023: The Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) publish Annual Report 2022-23; increase in food recalls in Australia, [here>](#)

01 November 2023: Scientific journal addresses food fraud vulnerabilities related to the cultured meat sector, and how to use known analytical techniques to tackle them, [here>](#)

United Kingdom & EU

Outbreaks 0

UK & EU Recall Snapshot 299

Chemical 68

Extraneous material 36

Microbiological 123

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Processing/inspection 33

Undeclared allergens 38

*Other 1

*Presence of mineral oils (MOSH: Mineral Oil Saturated 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 November 2023:**

Chemical 1
Extraneous material 2
Microbiological 5
Processing/inspection 3
Undeclared allergens 5
Other 0

 **Austria November 2023:**

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

 **Belgium November 2023:**

Chemical 10
Extraneous material 1
Microbiological 2
Processing/inspection 1
Undeclared allergens 7
*Other 1

*Presence of mineral oils (MOSH: Mineral Oil Saturated Hydrocarbons)

France November 2023:

Chemical 41
Extraneous material 19
Microbiological 97
Processing/inspection 7
Undeclared allergens 6
Other 0

Finland November 2023:

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

Italy November 2023:

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

Germany November 2023:

Chemical 3
Extraneous material 4
Microbiological 3
Processing/inspection 7
Undeclared allergens 3
Other 0

Luxembourg November 2023:

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

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Denmark November 2023:

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

Sweden November 2023:

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

Netherlands November 2023:

Chemical 0
Extraneous material 4
Microbiological 0
Processing/inspection 0
Undeclared allergens 6
Other 0

Spain November 2023:

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

Romania November 2023:

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

Hungary November 2023:

Chemical 3
Extraneous material 1
Microbiological 0



Processing/inspection 3
Undeclared allergens 1
Other 0

Industry News

30 November 2023: FSA publishes National Food Crime Unit (NFCU) - Annual Update, [here>](#)

30 November 2023: Reminder that some goods will face full customs controls when moved directly from Irish ports to Great Britain as of 31 January 2024, [here>](#)
Trader readiness for new GB Import Controls survey [here>](#)

27 November 2023: The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) launches consultation process for SFPA's Statement of Strategy 2024 – 2026; to deliver effective regulation central to the realisation of the vision for the shared marine resources surrounding Ireland, [here>](#)

24 November 2023: Wine labelling: a ruling from the EU Court of Justice that set the 'precedent', [here>](#)

23 November 2023: Lactalis seeks over €1 billion in compensation from Eurofins laboratory post 2017 Salmonella Agona outbreak, [here>](#)

20 November 2023: German police arrest 35-year-old Polish man in connection with MDMA-laced champagne that resulted in multiple injuries and one death in Germany and the Netherlands last year, [here>](#)

20 November 2023: Portman Group revises Code of Practice on the Naming, Packaging and Promotion of Alcoholic Drinks to enhance protection for under-18s, [here>](#)

17 November 2023: Specialised Nutrition Europe (SNE) states new WHO Guideline on complementary feeding contradicts well-established medical advice, [here>](#)

17 November 2023: Italy bans lab-grown meat in nod to farmers, [here>](#)

15 November 2023: EU Commission renews controversial herbicide approval for another 10 years

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after France abstains from EU vote, despite vowing to ban glyphosate within 3 years, [here>](#)

14 November 2023: European Union's DG Health and Food Safety publish Overview report; Fighting fraudulent practices in the agri-food chain, [here>](#)

14 November 2023: Researchers find Anisakis larvae in tested samples of fish in Slovakia and call for greater monitoring of marine parasites, [here>](#)

12 November 2023: Italian authorities seize 20 tons of food imported from China with falsified labels and/or without proper documentation, [here>](#)

10 November 2023: UK Hotel owner jailed for fraudulent Eat Out to Help Out claims, [here>](#)

09 November 2023: The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) publishes policy paper on UK Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) alternative transitional registration model (ATRM), [here>](#)

09 November 2023: Five men sentenced over waste disposal contracts that resulted in losses of £417,000 to Cardiff City Council, [here>](#)

09 November 2023: UK's CIEH and CTSI issue joint response to FSA/FSS Our Food 2022 report on local authority workforce capacity and capability, [here>](#)

08 November 2023: UK Food Standards Agency (FSA) publishes Our Food 2022: An annual review of food standards across the UK; highlights food safety and standards resourcing challenges, [here>](#)

08 November 2023: UK's Food Standards Agency (FSA) launches consultation on proposals for new framework in England for the regulation of precision bred organisms used for food and animal feed, [here>](#)

07 November 2023: The European Consumer Organisation (BEUC) and member organisations* from 13 countries, with the support of ClientEarth, submit complaint to the EU Commission regarding 100% recycled and recyclability claims by three major bottled water suppliers, [here>](#)



07 November 2023: WHO launches guide on whole genome sequencing use as a tool for foodborne disease surveillance and response, [here>](#)

04 November 2023: The Food Standards Agency (FSA) warns public not to buy or eat fake 'Wonka Bars' or 'Prime' chocolate bars for safety reasons, [here>](#)

03 November 2023: The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) publishes Microbiological hazards associated with the use of water in the post-harvest handling and processing operations of fresh and frozen fruits, vegetables and herbs (ffFVHs). Part 1 (outbreak data analysis, literature review and stakeholder questionnaire), [here>](#)

01 November 2023: Unnamed egg producer in Wales fined by Welsh Government for not following Salmonella testing rules, [here>](#)

01 November 2023: DEFRA launches consultation to address transparency and fairness within the egg industry; seeking views on how the UK egg sector currently functions, the nature of the relationships across the supply chain and whether the egg supply chain could be improved and how, [here>](#)

01 November 2023: Investigation by the UK's National Food Crime Unit (NFCU) accuses UK supplier of selling housed chickens as free-range, [here>](#)

01 November 2023: Scientific journal addresses food fraud vulnerabilities related to the cultured meat sector, and how to use known analytical techniques to tackle them, [here>](#)

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