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North America

Outbreaks

 **Outbreak (USA):** CDC, public health and regulatory officials in several states, including the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are investigating a multistate outbreak of *Listeria monocytogenes* infections, source yet unknown, more [here](#)>

North America Recall Snapshot 47

Chemical 1

Extraneous material 2

Microbiological 9

Processing/inspection 7

Undeclared allergens 28

Other 0

Recalls

 **United States April 2023:**

Chemical 1

Extraneous material 1

Microbiological 8

Processing/inspection 1

Undeclared allergens 17

Other 0

 **Canada April 2023:**

Chemical 0

Extraneous material 1

Microbiological 1

Processing/inspection 6

Undeclared allergens 11

Other 0

Industry News

28 April 2023: US Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issues fine Boston based importer for the alleged violation of multiple Seafood Import Monitoring Program (SIMP) requirements, [here](#)>

28 April 2023: Raw milk tied to Shiga toxin-producing *E coli* cases in Tennessee infants, [here](#)>

28 April 2023: FDA reopens Comment Period for the Draft Guidance on labelling of plant-based milk alternatives, [here](#)>

26 April 2023: Health Canada publishes updated version of its Policy on *Listeria monocytogenes* in Ready-to-Eat Foods, replacing 2011 version, [here](#)>

26 April 2023: Rapid uptick in unregulated, global squid fishing raises overexploitation concerns, [here](#)>

26 April 2023: Can foodborne illness estimates from different countries be legitimately compared?: Case study of rates in the UK compared with Australia, Canada and USA, [here](#)>

25 April 2023: USDA proposes declaring *Salmonella* an adulterant in breaded, stuffed, raw chicken products, [here](#)>

25 April 2023: US Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) publish new 5-year strategic plan for 2023-2027, [here](#)>

21 April 2023: FDA issues request for information on food labelling in online grocery shopping, [here](#)>

20 April 2023: US Supreme Court declines to review decision blocking Prop. 65 acrylamide cancer lawsuits, [here](#)>

14 April 2023: More States propose PFAS bans and other restrictions impacting food packaging, [here](#)>

13 April 2023: US repeats concerns about Chinese import rules at WTO meeting, following China's lack of scientific explanation of how two decrees address food safety and public health, [here](#)>

13 April 2023: Federal Trade Commission issues Notices of Penalty Offenses and cover letters to close on 700 advertisers of OTC drugs, homeopathic products, dietary supplements and functional foods, putting them on notice of their obligation to have adequate substantiation of their claims, [here>](#)

13 April 2023: US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issues Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) requesting input on the potential designation of additional categories of per and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as Superfund, [here>](#)

13 April 2023: FDA issues Letter to Industry on the food safety risks of transferring genes for proteins that are food allergens to new plant varieties used for food, [here>](#)

13 April 2023: FDA issues final order modifying the yogurt standard of identity final rule, [here>](#)

11 April 2023: Californian Assembly proposes amending the state's Health and Safety Code to prevent the manufacture, sale, delivery, distribution, holding, or offering for sale any food that contains brominated vegetable oil, potassium bromate, propylparaben, red dye 3 or titanium dioxide, [here>](#)

10 April 2023: FDA publishes Proposed Rule permitting salt substitutes in standardized foods, [here>](#)

06 April 2023: The Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) petitions FDA to finalize its 10-Year sodium reduction goals and take other actions to reduce sodium consumption, [here>](#)

05 April 2023: The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) publish report on the food safety aspects of cell-based food, [here>](#)

05 April 2023: Investigators uncover how group allegedly stole over \$1M from dairy company in Miami-Dade County, [here>](#)

01 April 2023: US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for six PFAS, [here>](#)

APAC

Outbreaks 0

APAC Recall Snapshot 54

Chemical 4

Extraneous material 6

Microbiological 3

Processing/inspection 28

Undeclared allergens 13

Other 0

Recalls

Japan April 2023:

Chemical 4
 Extraneous material 4
 Microbiological 0
 Processing/inspection 27
 Undeclared allergens 6
 Other 0

Singapore April 2023:

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

New Zealand April 2023:

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



Hong Kong April 2023:

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



Australia April 2023:

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



Macau April 2023:

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

Industry News

28 April 2023: Australian supermarket chain, Coles, opens nation's first automated distribution centre, [here>](#)

28 April 2023: The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) takes enforcement action against 19 food establishments for operating without a valid licence, [here>](#)

27 April 2023: Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry announces changes to importation of plant-based animal feed and fertilisers into Australia, [here>](#)

26 April 2023: Rapid uptick in unregulated, global squid fishing raises overexploitation concerns, [here>](#)

26 April 2023: Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) invites written submissions on the assessment of food derived from corn line MON95275, genetically modified for protection from coleopteran insect pests, [here>](#)

26 April 2023: Can foodborne illness estimates from different countries be legitimately compared?: Case study of rates in the UK compared with Australia, Canada and USA, [here>](#)

26 April 2023: Singapore food and wine wholesaler fined \$30,000 by Court for multiple offences under the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act and Food Regulations, [here>](#)

25 April 2023: Examining the long-term effects of a safe food-handling media campaign in Australia, [here>](#)

24 April 2023: TMX Global estimates supply chain disruptions are costing New Zealand businesses \$1.69bn a year in sales, [here>](#)

19 April 2023: Singapore cold store fined \$10,000 for labelling food products with misleading information and carrying out food processing activities at an unlicensed premises, [here>](#)

15 April 2023: Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) publishes report from recent risk assessment of steviol glycosides, [here>](#)

15 April 2023: Singapore Food Agency (SFA) seizes approximately 2.2 tons of illegally imported food from Vietnam, following a raid at an old industrial building in Senoko, [here>](#)

13 April 2023: Singapore authorities seize 2.2 tons of fish, frog and beef from warehouse in Singapore, illegally sourced from Vietnam without a valid license, [here>](#)

12 April 2023: Hong Kong authorities seize 9,745 packages of bagged seaweed roll rice crackers from China mislabelled as coming from Japan, to the value of 11 260 Euros, [here>](#)

11 April 2023: New national standards introduced by Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) for food businesses, to be implemented by 8 December 2023, [here>](#)

05 April 2023: Singapore company and its Director fined \$15,000 and \$13,000 respectively for failure to arrange for SFA inspections and selling imported food consignments prior to inspections, [here>](#)

05 April 2023: The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) publish report on the food safety aspects of cell-based food, [here>](#)

*Choking risk due to the presence of unauthorised gel-forming additives in jelly sweets / *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 & EU

Outbreaks

 **Outbreak (Denmark):** The Statens Serum Institut is investigating an outbreak of 16 confirmed cases of Salmonella Muenchen, source yet unknown, more [here>](#)

 **Outbreak (Spain):** Spanish authorities are investigating 30 cases of Clostridium perfringens illness linked to ground cinnamon imported from Vietnam, more [here>](#)

United Kingdom April 2023:

Chemical 0
Extraneous material 0
Microbiological 6
Processing/inspection 0
Undeclared allergens 11
Other 0

Austria April 2023:

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

Belgium April 2023:

Chemical 7
Extraneous material 4
Microbiological 7
Processing/inspection 4
Undeclared allergens 10
*Other 1
*Presence of mineral oils (MOAH: Mineral Oil Aromatic Hydrocarbons)

France April 2023:

Chemical 44

UK & EU Recall Snapshot **260**

Chemical **69**

Extraneous material **34**

Microbiological **86**

Processing/inspection **19**

Undeclared allergens **49**

*Other **3**

Extraneous material 20
Microbiological 38
Processing/inspection 8
Undeclared allergens 4
*Other 1
*Presence of mineral oils (MOAH: Mineral Oil Aromatic Hydrocarbons)

 Finland April 2023:

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

 Italy April 2023:

Chemical 7
Extraneous material 0
Microbiological 15
Processing/inspection 0
Undeclared allergens 6
Other 0

 Germany April 2023:

Chemical 1
Extraneous material 4
Microbiological 7
Processing/inspection 3
Undeclared allergens 2
Other 0

 Luxembourg April 2023:

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

 Denmark April 2023:

Chemical 3
Extraneous material 0
Microbiological 2
Processing/inspection 1

Food Recall Summary

Undeclared allergens 1

*Other 1

*Choking risk due to the presence of unauthorised gel-forming additives in jelly sweets

 Sweden April 2023:

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

 Netherlands April 2023:

Chemical 2
Extraneous material 2
Microbiological 4
Processing/inspection 2
Undeclared allergens 9
Other 0

 Spain April 2023:

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

 Romania April 2023:

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

Industry News

27 April 2023: European Commission publishes Draft Regulation amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specific hygiene requirements for certain fresh meat, fishery products, dairy products and eggs, [here](#)>

26 April 2023: Rapid uptick in unregulated, global squid fishing raises overexploitation concerns, [here>](#)

26 April 2023: The 2021 European Union report on pesticide residues in food finds reduction in number of samples with pesticide residues above the legal limit, [here>](#)

26 April 2023: Can foodborne illness estimates from different countries be legitimately compared?: Case study of rates in the UK compared with Australia, Canada and USA, [here>](#)

25 April 2023: UK Salmonella outbreaks from breaded chicken sickened thousands and cost millions, [here>](#)

20 April 2023: Inspections by the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA), Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (Fødevarestyrelsen) and a national control project in Sweden find allergen information provided to consumers is often inaccurate, [here>](#)

19 April 2023: FoodDrinkEurope calls for integrating New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) routinely into scientific and regulatory risk assessments, [here>](#)

19 April 2023: The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) lowers the tolerable daily intake (TDI) of bisphenol A (BPA) [here>](#) Germany's Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) challenges EFSA's determination [here>](#)

18 April 2023: Nestlé France to offer compensation for individuals affected by Buitoni frozen pizza E.coli outbreak, [here>](#)

17 April 2023: Spanish researchers reporting to the European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ECCMID) state that multidrug-resistant E. coli is prevalent in supermarket meat samples in Spain, [here>](#)

17 April 2023: Italian authorities seize 2.2 tons of seafood without traceability documentation [here>](#) and 1 1 ton of red tuna without traceability documentation (total value of 10 000 Euros), [here>](#)

17 April 2023: Food and Drink Federation announce 5 benefits of Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) for UK food and drink manufacturers, [here>](#)

15 April 2023: European Union adds ethylene oxide to list of pesticides that need monitoring, [here>](#)

13 April 2023: 11-country survey conducted across EU about people's attitudes, needs and concerns regarding 'food contact materials' reveals low awareness of associated risks, [here>](#)

11 April 2023: UK Gov amends Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill; businesses to face unlimited fines over failure to prevent fraud offences, [here>](#)

11 April 2023: EU follow-up audit finds Canadian actions largely unsuccessful in remedying issues raised with bovine and pig meat intended for export to the European Union, [here>](#)

06 April 2023: UK Government announces plan to ensure fairness and transparency across pig sector supply chain, [here>](#)

05 April 2023: Welsh court sentences seafood company owners for safety failures, [here>](#)

05 April 2023: UK Gov publishes draft Border Target Operating Model; proposes new approach to security controls (applying to all imports) post BREXIT, [here>](#)

05 April 2023: The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) publish report on the food safety aspects of cell-based food, [here>](#)

04 April 2023: UK Gov launches open consultation on strengthening environmental civil sanctions; seeking to increase the cap on variable monetary penalties from £250,000 to £25 million, £250 million or unlimited (no cap), [here>](#)

03 April 2023: UK Food Standards Agency (FSA) launches consultation on developing a modernised food hygiene delivery model in England, [here>](#)

01 April 2023: UK Food Standards Agency (FSA) and Food Standards Scotland (FSS) publish Efficacy of Withdrawals and Recalls: How effective was the system redesign?, [here>](#)



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01 April 2023: European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and Bulgarian authorities intercept approximately 11 tonnes of illicit pesticides in Bulgaria, [here>](#)

01 April 2023: Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP), World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and eight UK supermarkets announce unprecedented collaboration to tackle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and climate impact from UK food and drink sector, [here>](#)

01 April 2023: European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) publishes report on link between official controls and the welfare of laying hens, [here>](#)

01 April 2023: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) labels nitrosamines a 'health concern', [here>](#)

01 April 2023: European Commission publishes Proposal for a Directive on substantiation and communication of explicit environmental claims (Green Claims Directive), [here>](#)

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