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North America

Outbreaks

 **Outbreak (USA):** The FDA and CDC, in collaboration with state and local partners, are investigating an outbreak of Salmonella Enteritidis infections linked to Chocolate Chip Cookie and S'mores Bars dough sold at Papa Murphy's franchises, more [here](#)>


 **Outbreak (USA):** The Gallatin City-County Health Department, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), other local health departments and federal agencies continue to investigate a foodborne illness outbreak linked to eating food at Dave's Sushi in Montana; the outbreak has sickened 30 people and resulted in two deaths, possibly linked to morel mushrooms from China, more [here](#)>


 **Outbreak (USA):** The CDC and FDA are investigating 14 confirmed cases of Salmonella Infantis across 13 States, linked to Gold Medal flour, more [here](#)>

North America Recall Snapshot 55

- Chemical **0**
- Extraneous material **2**
- Microbiological **16**
- Processing/inspection **10**
- Undeclared allergens **27**
- Other **0**

Recalls

 **United States May 2023:**
 Chemical 0
 Extraneous material 0
 Microbiological 9
 Processing/inspection 2
 Undeclared allergens 18
 Other 0

 **Canada May 2023:**
 Chemical 0
 Extraneous material 2
 Microbiological 7
 Processing/inspection 8
 Undeclared allergens 9
 Other 0

Industry News

31 May 2023: Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) and Canadian Dairy Distillery announce joint initiative that will transform dairy byproduct into world's lowest carbon-intensity ethanol, adding to biofuel supply for cars and trucks, [here](#)>

26 May 2023: SeaBOS, the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF), the Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI), the Global Dialogue on Seafood Traceability (GDST), the Global Tuna Alliance (GTA) and Sea Pact call on nations to address illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, [here](#)>

25 May 2023: The United States joined by counterparts in UK, Australia, Canada and New Zealand warn of 'stealthy and targeted malicious activity' focused on broad range of computer networks including maritime and transportation industries coming from state-sponsored actor in China, [here](#)>

24 May 2023: Nearly 70% of private label avocado oil rancid or mixed with other oils according to University of California study, [here](#)>

24 May 2023: The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) launches inquiry into bidding practices of baby formula manufacturers, including Abbott Laboratories, for possible collusion over state contracts, [here>](#)

24 May 2023: Implementation of the Food Allergy Safety, Treatment, Education & Research Act (FASTER Act) poses challenge for industry, [here>](#)

19 May 2023: The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces an atypical case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in a beef cow at slaughter plant in South Carolina, [here>](#)

18 May 2023: Two shipping lines pay civil penalties totalling \$2.65 million to resolve allegations of misconduct brought by US Federal Maritime Commission's Bureau of Enforcement, Investigations, and Compliance, [here>](#)

18 May 2023: US, California Assembly passes ban on chemicals in processed food, [here>](#) The proposed bill [here>](#), commencing 1 January 2025, will prohibit the manufacturing, selling, delivering, distributing, holding, or offering for sale, in commerce, a food product that contains any of the specified substances.

17 May 2023: The Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) report recommends Collaboration and innovation to advance food traceability, [here>](#)

16 May 2023: The FDA publishes draft Compliance Policy Guide on major food allergen labelling and cross-contact, [here>](#)

16 May 2023: Biden-Harris administration proposes reforms to new chemical review process to protect public health, promote efficiency and consistency; proposal removes low volume and exposure exemptions for new PFAS and other persistent chemicals, ensuring robust safety review, [here>](#)

11 May 2023: US Supreme Court upholds California ban on 'unethical' pork, Proposition 12; a statewide ban on the sale of pork from pigs housed in cages or crowded group pens that prevent them from turning around freely, [here>](#)

09 May 2023: Leading global food distribution company, Sysco, suffers cyberattack; business, customer and employee data stolen, [here>](#)

05 May 2023: Canada a step closer to establishing first-ever set of grocery industry rules in bid to even out

power imbalances for both food producers and grocers, [here>](#)

04 May 2023: Environmental charity, ClientEarth, files legal complaint against US-based agribusiness giant Cargill over failure to deal with contribution to deforestation and related human rights abuses in Brazil, [here>](#)

03 May 2023: FDA files colour additive petition request to revoke listing for use of titanium dioxide in food, [here>](#)

03 May 2023: The Italian Milling Industry Association (ITALMOPA) extends reach of its Pure Flour from Europe program into Canada to promote safety, versatility and superior quality of Italian and European organic flour and semolina, [here>](#)


01 May 2023: March 2023's Ocean Shipping Reform Implementation Act in US gives the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) authority to protect US ports, shippers and manufacturers from the Chinese Communist Party's attempts to influence America's supply chain, [here>](#)

01 May 2023: Canadian Government regains market access to Guatemala for Canada's pork, beef and poultry products, [here>](#)

APAC

Outbreaks

 **Outbreak (Australia):** The Department of Health in Victoria is investigating two cases of Hepatitis A linked to food consumed at the Creatures of Habit café, more [here>](#)

 **Outbreak (Singapore):** The Ministry of Health (MOH), the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) and the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) are investigating three incidents of gastroenteritis reported at MindChamps preschools after 89 persons (79 children and 10 staff) reported gastroenteritis symptoms after consuming food prepared by Nosh Cuisine Pte Ltd, more [here>](#)

APAC Recall Snapshot

Chemical **6**

Extraneous material **9**

Microbiological **4**

Processing/inspection **26**

Undeclared allergens **12**

Other **0**

Recalls



Japan May 2023:

Chemical 3

Extraneous material 3

Microbiological 1

Processing/inspection 19

Undeclared allergens 5

Other 0



Singapore May 2023:

Chemical 1

Extraneous material 0

Microbiological 0

Processing/inspection 0

Undeclared allergens 1

Other 0



New Zealand May 2023:

Chemical 0

Extraneous material 2

Microbiological 0

Processing/inspection 1

Undeclared allergens 2

Other 0



Hong Kong May 2023:

Chemical 0

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Extraneous material 1

Microbiological 1

Processing/inspection 1

Undeclared allergens 0

Other 0



Australia May 2023:

Chemical 1

Extraneous material 3

Microbiological 1

Processing/inspection 3

Undeclared allergens 4

Other 0



Macau May 2023:

Chemical 1

Extraneous material 0

Microbiological 1

Processing/inspection 2

Undeclared allergens 0

Other 0

Industry News

31 May 2023: Australia and New Zealand Free Trade Agreements with UK come into force as of 31 May 2023; UK-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement [here>](#) UK-Australia Free Trade Agreement [here>](#)

29 May 2023: China proposes to amend General Safety Standard for food-contact materials, [here>](#)

26 May 2023: SeaBOS, the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF), the Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI), the Global Dialogue on Seafood Traceability (GDST), the Global Tuna Alliance (GTA) and Sea Pact call on nations to address illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, [here>](#)

25 May 2023: The United States joined by counterparts in UK, Australia, Canada and New Zealand warn of 'stealthy and targeted malicious activity' focused on broad range of computer networks including maritime and transportation industries coming from state-sponsored actor in China, [here>](#)

22 May 2023: New Zealand Mānuka Honey Appellation Society loses eight-year bid against Australian Manuka

Honey Association to trademark the term 'Manuka Honey' in New Zealand, [here>](#)

18 May 2023: Singapore Food Agency (SFA) publishes the Singapore Food Statistics 2022; a one-stop comprehensive resource for key statistics on Singapore's food supply and food safety, [here>](#)

17 May 2023: The Commonwealth Bank of Australia, or CommBank, publishes 2023 CommBank Manufacturing Insights Report; three-quarters plus of Australian manufacturers are expecting increased profitability over next 12 months, even as the vast majority see continuing effects of supply chain disruption on their operations, [here>](#)

17 May 2023: Singapore authorities seize 6.8 tonnes of illegally imported food from Thailand and Myanmar, [here>](#)

15 May 2023: The China Food Information Centre publishes results of nationwide survey; over half of Chinese consumers doubtful about safety of sweeteners, [here>](#)


01 May 2023: Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) approves variation to Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code) to permit alternative pregnancy warning label on a specific type of packaging, [here>](#)

01 May 2023: Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) launches consultation on proposed changes to infant formula standards, [here>](#)

01 May 2023: Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) data reveals undeclared allergens top cause for food recalls year-on-year, [here>](#)


United Kingdom & EU

Outbreaks

 **Outbreak (United Kingdom):** The UK Health Security Agency and local authorities are investigating an outbreak of 50 cases of cryptosporidiosis, believed to stem from a farm on the Isle of Wight, more [here>](#)

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 **Outbreak (Denmark):** The Statens Serum Institut, the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration and the Norwegian Food Institute DTU are continuing their investigation into 28 confirmed cases of Salmonella Muenchen, source yet unknown, more [here>](#)

 **Outbreak (France):** French authorities are investigating five illnesses due to E. coli STEC O26:H11, including two cases of hemolytic uremic syndrome, linked to the consumption of a fermented raw milk product, more [here>](#)

UK & EU Recall Snapshot 225

Chemical **29**

Extraneous material **24**


Microbiological **104**

Processing/inspection **23**

Undeclared allergens **45**

Other **0**

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 May 2023:**

Chemical 0

Extraneous material 2

Microbiological 6

Processing/inspection 0
Undeclared allergens 9
Other 0

 Austria May 2023:

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

 Belgium May 2023:

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

 France May 2023:

Chemical 12
Extraneous material 6
Microbiological 77
Processing/inspection 8
Undeclared allergens 4
Other 1

 Finland May 2023:

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

 Italy May 2023:

Chemical 2
Extraneous material 1
Microbiological 9
Processing/inspection 0
Undeclared allergens 8
Other 0

 Germany May 2023:

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

 Luxembourg May 2023:

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

 Denmark May 2023:

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

 Sweden May 2023:

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

 Netherlands May 2023:

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

 Spain May 2023:

Chemical 0
Extraneous material 1
Microbiological 0
Processing/inspection 0

Undeclared allergens 2
Other 0

 Romania May 2023:

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

Industry News

31 May 2023: UK Free Trade Agreements with Australia and New Zealand come into force as of 31 May 2023; UK-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement [here>](#) UK-Australia Free Trade Agreement [here>](#)

31 May 2023: Eurojust and Europol, judicial and law enforcement authorities in Lithuania, Estonia, France and Germany dismantle Lithuanian organised crime group that allegedly put millions of expired food products with altered labelling in the market, [here>](#)

26 May 2023: European Union publishes new rules on Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus; establishing measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread of ToBRFV within the EU, [here>](#)

26 May 2023: UK Government takes regressive step: Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill to be scrapped, [here>](#)

26 May 2023: SeaBOS, the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF), the Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI), the Global Dialogue on Seafood Traceability (GDST), the Global Tuna Alliance (GTA) and Sea Pact call on nations to address illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, [here>](#)

25 May 2023: Dutch court issues prison sentences for two poultry farm managers who knowingly sold eggs contaminated with Salmonella, [here>](#)

25 May 2023: UK scientists warn of emerging threat to public health in England; Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli O26:H11 notifications in 2021 were 8 times higher than those recorded in 2014, [here>](#)

25 May 2023: The United States joined by counterparts in UK, Australia, Canada and New Zealand warn of

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‘stealthy and targeted malicious activity’ focused on broad range of computer networks including maritime and transportation industries coming from state-sponsored actor in China, [here>](#)

24 May 2023: The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) calls on UK Government to expand remit of environmental health officers working at borders as part of new scheme for conducting import checks at border, [here>](#)

23 May 2023: UK Food Standards Agency (FSA) to undertake a post implementation review of the 2013 Sampling and Qualifications Regulations 2013, [here>](#)

22 May 2023: The Dutch Food and Product Safety Authority (NVWA) discover thousands of shortcomings during inspections of the 39 major meat and poultry slaughterhouses in the Netherlands in first half of 2022, [here>](#)

21 May 2023: UK Gov to free wine makers from unnecessary red tape following proposed changes to retained EU laws on the production and marketing of wine, providing a £180m boost to UK wine industry, [here>](#) The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) consultation [here>](#)

20 May 2023: Spain’s Guardia Civil arrest four in Mallorca for attempting to sell toxic almonds, [here>](#)

18 May 2023: Italian authorities seize 2.5 tons of octopus without traceability documentation, [here>](#)

16 May 2023: EFSA; Better housing needed for dairy cows, ducks, geese, and quail to improve welfare, [here>](#)

15 May 2023: The Food Additives, Food Flavourings and Novel Foods (Authorisations) (England) Regulations 2023 came into force on 15 May 2023 [here>](#), see FSA guidance [here>](#)

12 May 2023: UK Gov to investigate whether parts of the food supply chain are profiteering amid soaring costs, [here>](#)

12 May 2023: Spanish Civil Guard detain 27 people in Spain and France as part of a criminal investigation into illegal eel trafficking, [here>](#)

11 May 2023: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) reviews guidance document on how to assess risks to

honey bees, bumble bees and solitary bees from plant protection products, [here>](#)

10 May 2023: UK Gov authorises use of larger HGVs for goods transportation in bid to 'slash road emissions and support supply chains', [here>](#)

10 May 2023: UK Government scraps 'sunset clause' in Retained EU Law (Revocation & Reform) Bill; list of legislation to be revoked will be published by end of 2023 instead, [here>](#)

08 May 2023: Germany's Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) Consumer Monitor survey reveals local consumers are most concerned with microplastics, antibiotic resistance and pesticide residues in food, [here>](#)

05 May 2023: European Commission publishes Maximum Levels for food contaminants, [here>](#)

05 May 2023: European Commission publishes report on overall operation of official controls carried out in EU countries (2021) to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, [here>](#)

04 May 2023: Six men at slaughterhouse in Chester (UK) sentenced for animal welfare offences, [here>](#)

04 May 2023: Italian authorities seize 20 tons of olive oil mislabelled as extra-virgin to the value of 60 000 Euros, [here>](#)

03 May 2023: Spain's Guardia Civil (Civil Guard) seizes 16 tons of food, unfit for human consumption, from a warehouse in Calatayud, [here>](#)

03 May 2023: McDonald's pleads guilty to hygiene breaches after Waltham Forest (UK) investigation, fined £475,000 for mouse infestation, [here>](#)

03 May 2023: Cans of Carlsberg Special Brew, Stella Artois and Tyskie among 53,300 litres of smuggled alcohol seized by revenue officers at Rosslare Europort (Ireland) over May Bank Holiday weekend, [here>](#)

02 May 2023: Food Business Operator, O Cathain Iasc Teoranta, Dingle, Ireland convicted of multiple charges for breaches of food safety law and Bluefin tuna regulations, [here>](#)

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02 May 2023: The European Commission's (EC) Joint Research Centre (JRC) publishes Guidance on the implementation of the Commission Recommendation 2022/C 229/01 on the definition of nanomaterial, [here>](#)

01 May 2023: German study into the cost of Campylobacter enteritis (CE); analysis of the health care utilisations and direct and indirect costs of CE and sequelae of insurants, [here>](#)

01 May 2023: The Finnish Food Authority (Ruokavirasto) reports first decrease in annual recalls in several years, [here>](#)

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