

Quarter 3 Compilation of food notices, web statements and foodborne outbreaks for the period October – December 2015

| | Description of Incident | Risk to consumers | FSA notice, alert or web story issued |
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| 1. | Spice pastes - undeclared cashew nuts in product. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Food Allergy Alert¹ BO/2015 issued on 2 October 2015 |
| 2. | Bottles of ale – breakage of the bottles. Recall. | Physical contamination - possible risk of glass fragments | PRIN 50-2015 issued on 07 October 2015 PRIN 50-2015 (update 1) issued 15 October 2015 |
| 3. | <i>Salmonella</i> in a batch of cheese made with raw drinking milk. Recall. | Presence of harmful bacteria - microbiological risk | FSA Statement PRIN 51/2015 |
| 4. | Pickle - undeclared mustard in product. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alert BP/2015 issued on 23 October 2015 |
| 5. | Chicken bites - the presence of mould. Recall. | Food quality issue - presence of spoilage | PRIN 52/2015 issued on 29 October 2015 |
| 6. | Infant muesli – the presence of insect infestation. Recall. | Physical contamination | PRIN 53/2015 issued on 30 October 2015 |
| 7. | Yogurts - undeclared peanut in product. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alerts for the two branded products issued on 28 October 2015: BG/2015/NI BH/2015/NI |
| 8. | Chicken and chorizo paella – undeclared gluten and prawns. Withdrawn. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alert BQ-2015 issued on 2 November 2015 |

¹ Allergy Alerts can either be a recall or withdrawal with instruction to allergy sufferers to return the product to retailer.

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| 9. | Trio condiment – undeclared allergen labelling error. Withdrawn. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alert BR-2015 issued on 3 November 2015 |
| 10. | Organic cashew nut butter - undeclared peanut. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alert BT-2015 issued on 6 November 2015 |
| 11. | Raisin and almond mix - undeclared presence of other tree nuts. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alert BS/2015 issued on 6 November 2015 |
| 12. | Buttery spread - contaminated with clear hard plastic. Recall. | Physical contamination | PRIN 54/2015 & Point Of Sale notice issued on 6 November 2015 |
| 13. | Various foodstuffs - hygiene failures at food company. Recall. | Inadequate food safety procedures | FAFA issued 6 November 2015 |
| 14. | Chicken thighs - labelled with incorrect <i>use by</i> date. Recall. | Microbiological health risk due to extension of use by date | PRIN 55/2015 issued on 10 November 2015 |
| 15. | Cookie Dough – undeclared wheat. Withdrawn. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alert BU/2015 issued on 13 November 2015 |
| 16. | Ready to eat foods without any proper shelf life validation. Recall. | Microbiological health risk | PRIN 56/2015 issued on 18 November 2015 |
| 17. | Various packs of flour, bran, semolina, bread mix and oats - undeclared cereal in products. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alert BV/2015 issued on 24 November 2015 |

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| 18. | Yogurts - non-compliant pH levels. Recall. | Inadequate food safety procedures | PRIN 57/2015 issued on 26 November 2015 |
| 19. | Sandwiches and wraps - undeclared milk and egg in products. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alert BW/2015 issued on 26 November 2015. |
| 20. | Ready prepared food - undeclared egg in product. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alert BY/2015 issued on 2 December 2015 |
| 21. | Cheese sauce mix - undeclared mustard and wheat in product. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy alert BX/2015 issued on 1 December 2015. |
| 22. | Empanada selection - undeclared sesame and prawns in product. Withdrawn. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy alert BZ/2015 issued on 4 December 2015 |
| 23. | Breakfast bar – undeclared peanuts in product. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy alert CA/2015 issued on 4 December 2015 |
| 24. | Cookies - undeclared almonds and sulphites in product. Withdrawn. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | <p>Allergy alert CC/2015 issued on 9 December 2015 – initial notification only mentioned undeclared almonds.</p> <p>Allergy Alert CC/2015 Update 1 issued on 10 December 2015 – the product also contains sulphites which were not declared on the label</p> |
| 25. | Mint sauce - glass fragments in product. Recall. | Physical contamination | PRIN 58/2015 issued on 9 December 2015 |
| 26. | Chocolate shortcakes - undeclared egg in product. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alert CB/2015 issued on 8 December 2015. |

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| 27. | Coconut juice - presence of milk protein in a batch. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alert BR/2015/NI issued on 15 December 2015 Allergy Alert BR/2015/NI (Update 1) issued on 22 December 2015 |
| 28. | Crayfish soup - possible presence of <i>Clostridia</i> . Recall. | Microbiological health risk | PRIN 40/2015/NI issued on 9 December 2015. |
| 29. | Curry sauce - undeclared milk in product. Withdrawn. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy alert CD/2015 issued on 16 December 2015 |
| 30. | Chocolate teacakes - undeclared milk, soya and wheat. Withdrawn. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy alert CE/2015 issued on 16 December 2015 |
| 31. | Coconut milk drink - presence of milk protein in product. Withdrawn. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy alert CF/2015 issued on 16 December 2015 |
| 32. | Chicken spices - undeclared mustard in product. Withdrawn. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy alert CG/2015 issued on 16 December 2015 |
| 33. | French cheese - presence of <i>E.coli</i> in product. Recall. | Microbiological health risk | PRIN 59/2015 issued on 24 December 2015 |
| 34. | Spice mix - undeclared mustard in product. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alert CH/2015 issued on 22 December 2015. |
| 35. | Sausages - undeclared sulphur dioxide and wheat in product. Recall. | Possible adverse health effects to allergy sufferers | Allergy Alert CI/2015 issued on 23/12/2015 |
| Foodborne outbreaks² for the period October 2015 – December 2015 | | | |
| | Description of Incident | Risk to consumers | Actions taken |
| 36. | <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> | Foodborne illness | Initial facts received about the outbreak. Source unknown, |

² There are occasions on which the Food Standards Agency will not be the lead organisation in the investigation of an incident, for example where an outbreak of communicable disease related to food has been declared. In those cases, we will work within agreed protocols relating to the publication of information, whilst maintaining our powers to publish information independently.

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| 37. | <i>Salmonella Typhimurium</i> outbreak associated with restaurant | Foodborne illness | Initial facts received about the outbreak. Source unknown. |
| 38. | Cluster of <i>E.coli</i> VTEC 0157- South East England | Foodborne illness | Initial facts received about the outbreak. Source unknown |

About product recalls and withdrawals

If there is a problem with a food product that means it should not be sold, then it might be 'withdrawn' (taken off the shelves) or 'recalled' (when customers are asked to return the product). The FSA issues Product Withdrawal Information Notices and Allergy Alerts to let consumers and local authorities know about problems associated with food. In some cases, a 'Food Alert for Action' is issued. This provides local authorities with details of specific action to be taken on behalf of consumers.