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Food Safety Bites May 2018



Selected news, views and issues from 'field to fork'

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1) Brexit

a) BRC - why we need a FairDeal for consumers

The British Retail Consortium has published a report setting out the potential impact of tariffs on food prices

The progress made so far in Brexit negotiations by the UK and the EU is encouraging with both sides accepting the importance of a zero-tariff deal. However, there is still work to do to achieve a signed agreement. If the UK leaves the EU with no trade agreement, EU imports will be subject to new tariffs under World Trade Organisation Most Favoured Nation (MFN) tariff rates.

For more information click [HERE](#)

b) Brexit driving UK food business acquisitions

The impending threat of Great Britain leaving the EU is doing little to scare off investors in UK food businesses. Conversely, it has been cited as one of the main reasons for the strong number of deals carried out in the sector in a newly published report.

He explained why UK food businesses are proving so popular. "Establishing a UK footprint or investing in a trusted UK food and drink brand is being viewed as a way to ward off potential tariffs that could be imposed on EU imports for trade."

For more information click [HERE](#)

c) FSA boss: food safety regulation a 'day one' Brexit issue

Food safety regulatory equivalence is a "day one" issue when the UK leaves the EU next spring, the chair of the Food Standards Agency (FSA) has warned.

An equivalent regulatory regime must be ready by 29 March 2019, regardless of any transition arrangement or decisions about the future trading agreement between the UK and the EU, Heather Hancock claimed.

"It's an issue for two reasons. The risk that something goes wrong - which happens - means we need a fully competent regime to respond," Hancock said.

"And because, from day one, countries importing UK food will demand assurance that we have a complete regulatory regime in place that - in the same way it protects our consumers - protects theirs."

For more information click [HERE](#)

d) No deal with EU after Brexit would have 'seismic impact' - BEIS

A Commons Committee has said a no-deal on trade with the EU after Brexit would be 'disastrous' for UK exports of processed food and drink.

A Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Committee report found government is 'almost out of time' to negotiate an orderly trade system with UK businesses needing clarity and certainty about the future relationship with the EU.

The committee said a move by the UK to lower or remove tariffs could have 'extremely damaging' consequences for British farming with limited benefit to consumers in terms of lower prices.

It added the sector would suffer from reverting to WTO tariffs in a 'no deal' scenario.

For more information click [HERE](#)

e) Geographical Indication loss could impact £4.8bn of British food

Up to £4.8bn worth of British food and drink products could lose their Geographical Indication (GI) protection after Brexit, if the UK decides to pursue trade deals with countries outside of the EU.

The UK could lose billions of pounds worth of revenue from the sale of products like Cornish pasties, Welsh lamb and Bramley apples within the EU if they were to lose their protections under EU law, according to business consultancy Informa.

A trade deal between the UK and EU would likely initially include continuation of protection for GI products, but if it does not, a reciprocal agreement would require the UK re-registering its products as a third country using the EU GI system.

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2) Diet and health

a) Cross party call for action to tackle UK child obesity

Thirteen measures including an end to 'buy one get one free' junk food offers are among actions proposed by opposition party leaders to tackle UK childhood obesity.

They said the measures will save billions for the NHS in the medium term and generate billions more in increased productivity.

The Conservative government has already introduced a tax on high sugar drinks, which came into force this month. Public Health England has also called for a 20% calorie reduction to be achieved through reformulation by 2024.

However, critics argue that these steps do not go far enough to tackle the mounting problem of obesity and related non-communicable diseases.

For more information click [HERE](#)

b) Dairy UK slams Eating Better report

Dairy UK has responded angrily to the publication of a new report urging consumers to change their diet to include less meat and dairy products.

The 21-page Eating Better report, Principles for eating meat and dairy more sustainably: the 'less and better' approach, urges consumers to choose better and eat less of certain products, for not only their own health, but also the planet.

The reports states consumers should eat less cheese, and moderate their milk consumption.

Dairy UK said the environmental and nutritional contribution of the dairy sector has been "wilfully misrepresented," by the report urging reduced consumption of dairy products.

For more information click [HERE](#)

c) Mediterranean diet pattern leads to healthier gut profile: Study

Eating a Mediterranean-type diet, rich in vegetables, fruits and nuts, olive oil, and legumes, may boost the diversity and composition of the gut microbiota, compared to a high-fat and high-sugar Western-style diet.

Researchers at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in North Carolina report that eating a plant-based diet enhanced the good bacteria living in the gut by up to 7%.

"Mounting evidence shows that diets rich in fiber and unsaturated fatty acids are important for maintenance of a diverse and healthy gut microbiome.

For more information click [HERE](#)

d) Krakow declaration urges Europe to tackle iodine deficiency in kids

Scientists taking part in the EUthyroid project have signed up to the Krakow declaration of iodine, which urges European governments to support efforts in eliminating the micronutrient's deficiency.

The action is a response to the disjointed approach seen in EU countries that results in half of all new-borns in Europe failing to reach their full cognitive potential due to iodine deficiency.

For more information click [HERE](#)

e) EGCG warning: EFSA safety assessment suggests green tea supplements should come with warning

While the catechin content of green tea infusions and similar drinks are generally safe there may be health concerns when taken as a food supplement, says a report from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

The scientific opinion from the EU science agency provides a safety assessment of green tea catechins after concerns were passed on regarding possible harmful effects on the liver in Nordic countries.

For more information click [HERE](#)

3) Food Fraud

a) Fraud on a plate: over 3 600 tonnes of dangerous food removed from consumer market

Trafficking in fake and substandard food is big business, and efforts to stop this global phenomenon are ongoing. Rotten meat, chemically coloured tuna and fake baby milk powder - these are just a small sampling of the products seized as part of the latest OPSON investigation into the presence of counterfeit and substandard food and beverage products on the market in Europe and beyond.

Run over the course of 4 months (December 2017 - March 2018) across 67 countries*, OPSON VII resulted in the total seizure of more than 3 620 tonnes and 9.7 million litres of either counterfeit or substandard food and beverages. In total some 749 people were arrested or detained with investigations continuing in many countries.

A final and detailed report on the results of the operation OPSON VII will be published in the upcoming months.

For more information click [HERE](#)

How can NSF Help? NSF provides a Food Fraud Service that seeks to assure that the supply of all products are safe and legal. The service can encompass approval for food and drink suppliers, wholesalers and distributors.

Contact your Account manager or contactuk@nsf.org for further information.

4) Catering Business

a) Food loss and waste: a global challenge

One third of all food produced in the world is never eaten. This has tremendous economic, social and environmental consequences.

In this new report, it demonstrates how reducing food waste in hotels can be a large financial opportunity to reduce costs, increase revenues, and engage staff and customers.

It demonstrates how reducing food waste in hotels doesn't have to be complicated, and highlights five types of action for achieving successful reduction programmes.

For more information click [HERE](#)

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b) BBPA and UKHospitality publish employment guidance with Acas

Today the British Beer and Pub Association (BBPA) and UKHospitality have published guidance to assist employers in the sector throughout the employment process. The guidance takes employers from the stage of recruiting a new employee to ending the employment relationship, and has been developed in combination with Acas (Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service).

For more information click [HERE](#)

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5) Ethical and Sustainability

a) Aldi swims ahead of British supermarkets in sustainable seafood

Discounter Aldi offers customers the largest proportion of sustainable seafood in the UK, ahead of big supermarkets Marks & Spencer, Morrisons, and Iceland, a new league table published today reveals.

Just under 80% of Aldi's seafood range is certified sustainable in comparison to M&S at 19%, Morrison's at 4% Iceland at 3%. Results also show that all other supermarkets are selling more sustainable seafood than ever before, a 60% jump over the last two years.

For more information click [HERE](#)

b) CGF programme to benchmark sustainability standards

CGF said the Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative (SSCI) would support development of socially and environmentally responsible supply chains.

SSCI will replicate the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) approach to recognising standards. 'Scheme owners' - third parties that perform audits to their own standard which is recognised by GFSI - will pay for their scheme to be GFSI recognised and benchmarked.

For more information click [HERE](#)

c) Food businesses sign up to UK Plastics Pact

Food and drink manufacturing businesses have joined forces to tackle plastic pollution.

The UK Plastics Pact, launched by WRAP, has been signed by 42 businesses across the food manufacturing, retail and Government agencies. Through the pact, it has set out ambitious targets for between now and 2025.

These include the elimination of problematic or unnecessary single-use plastic packaging through redesign, innovation or alternative (re-use) delivery models; for 100% of plastic packaging to be reusable, recyclable or compostable; for 70% of plastic packaging effectively recycled or composted and for 30% average recycled content across all plastic packaging.

For more information click [HERE](#)

d) UK considers plastic straw ban

The UK government has announced plans to end sales of plastic straws, drink stirrers and plastic-stemmed cotton buds, encouraging other Commonwealth countries to take similar steps to cut down on plastic waste.

A consultation on the plans will be launched later this year.

The proposed ban is part of the government's wider waste strategy, which will include a call for evidence on how taxes could be used to address waste from single use plastics.

For more information click [HERE](#)

e) Supermarkets urged to end poor pig welfare in WAP campaign

World Animal Protection (WAP) has launched a global campaign calling on supermarket chains to source their pork from high-welfare farms.

The campaign is targeting major retailers across the world, including Walmart, Tesco and Carrefour, calling on them to stop stocking pork that comes from poor-welfare pig farms.

World Animal Protection is urging the public to sign its petition and demand supermarkets to commit to selling pork from pigs that have been raised in a high-welfare environment.

The organisation said that supermarkets failing to commit to these changes could result in losing customers. "Supermarkets hold the power to create better lives for pigs."

For more information click [HERE](#)

f) New EU organic regulation to deliver 'certainty' to consumers

The European Parliament has approved new rules that aim to provide consumers with "certainty" over the quality of organic products and support growing organic production in the bloc.

MEPs backed the new EU law on organic production and labelling, with 466 votes in favour and 124 votes against, with 50 abstentions.

"The most important point is we are giving certainty to producers and more clarity to the sector and we have a more harmonised approach across the European Union."

For more information click [HERE](#)

g) Waste crackdown: McDonald's commits to renewable, recyclable packaging by 2025

All packaging used by fast food giant McDonald's will come from renewable, recycled or certified sources by 2025.

To cut global waste and its impact on the planet, all of McDonald's guest packaging will be renewable, recyclable or derived from a certified source, such as the Forest Stewardship Council certificate, in the next seven years.

The food giant also plans to recycle packaging in all of the franchise's more than 37,000 stores across 100 countries. Currently, only half of McDonald's customer packaging comes from renewable, recycled or certified sources. And only one in 10 of its stores are recycling customer packaging.

For more information click [HERE](#)

NSF provides Trading Law services covering the range of consumer products and enforcement legislation. NSF's expert consultants are always at the forefront of food production, safety legislation and codes of practice providing advice to your business on how best to comply and ensure maximum commercial advantage.

Services include:

* Trading Standards, development of trading law, corporate governance, due diligence management systems, training programmes, inspections and risk assessment.

* Legal and technical advice on food and non-food product labelling requirements, product legality, including legal challenges, expert witness reports, pack and menu copy, and advertising and promotion

Contact your Account manager or contactuk@nsf.org for further information

6) Nutrition

a) 'Constructive' and 'technical': EC launches front of pack labelling debate

The European Commission has launched an investigation into front of pack (FOP) nutritional labelling in the bloc, with stakeholders describing the first in a series of meetings as both "constructive" and "technical".

The European Commission has said that it intends to facilitate a discussion on FOP labelling between Member States and stakeholders. The initial meeting, held yesterday (23 April), was the first in a series of discussions that will feed into an EC-backed report on labelling legislation within the Single Market.

For more information click [HERE](#)

b) Dutch consumers support UK-style traffic light logo

A majority of Dutch consumers would like to see the UK's traffic light logo adopted in the Netherlands, according to a 1000-strong survey.

Published last week, the survey found that over half of those questioned (51%) said they would like to see the UK's traffic light scheme on the front of food package while 29% chose France's Nutri-Score and 8% chose the Nordic region's Keyhole.

It found that, overall, consumers feel positively about front-of-pack nutrition schemes, with 71% thinking they are a good idea.

For more information click [HERE](#)

7) Salt and Sugar

No Highlights this month

8) Advertising and Marketing

a) 'Plant-based' plays way better than 'vegan' with most consumers, says Mattson

On the face of it, the terms 'vegan' and 'plant-based' might appear to be interchangeable (they both involve avoiding animal products), but consumers do not view them in the same way, reveals new research from food development specialist Mattson.

In a national online survey of 1,163 US adults conducted by Mattson last summer, respondents were asked to select either '100% plant-based' or 'vegan' to a series of questions, said president and chief innovation officer Barb Stuckey.

For more information click [HERE](#)

b) New legislation launched by French MPs hits vegetarian meat

French politicians have voted in favour of banning food producers from labelling vegetarian-based products as a meat item to avoid confusion among consumers.

Producers across France will no longer will able to describe plant-based meats such as 'sausages' or 'steaks' that are not solely made of meat.

For more information click [HERE](#)

c) ASA Ruling on Pret A Manger using the term "natural".

Sustain challenged whether certain claims were misleading and could be substantiated. The Advertising Standards Authority upheld the complaint that all their foods were natural when some products contained artificial additives.

For more information click [HERE](#)

d) ROI alcohol legislation poses post Brexit barrier to cross border trade for NI producers

New labelling requirements contravene Irish Government's commitment to frictionless border

The Ireland Public Health (Alcohol) Bill, which is currently before the Dáil for debate, includes a requirement for businesses to produce bespoke labelling for alcohol products sold in the Republic of Ireland.

These proposals include mandatory cancer warnings on labels, and a requirement that health warnings take up at least one-third of the label, making the Republic of Ireland the only country in the EU with such a labelling requirement.

For more information click [HERE](#)

e) 'Kit Kat 4 fingers' product must re-examine as an EU trade mark

In 2002, Nestlé applied to the European Union Intellectual Property Office to register the three-dimensional design of their 'Kit Kat 4 fingers' product as an EU trade mark.

The mark at issue had acquired distinctive character through use in ten countries but the General Court held that EUIPO could not validly conclude its examination without ruling on the relevant public's perception of the mark in four other Member States

The Advocate General concluded that the General Court had to annul EUIPO's decision and dismissed the appeals brought by Nestlé and EUIPO.

For more information click [HERE](#)

To ensure your labels meet the new legislation requirements speak to your account manager or email contactuk@nsf.org to find out more about NSF Trading Law, they can check your labels and menus and ensure your food labelling is accurate, lawful and clear.

9) Food Safety

a) Infant food allergy linked to genetics and skin exposure to food, dust and wipes

Food allergy is triggered by perfect storm of genetics and skin exposure to infant wipes, dust and food, according to a new Northwestern Medicine study. Infant and childhood food allergy, whose cause has long been a mystery, has now been linked to a mix of environmental and genetic factors that must coexist to trigger the allergy.

The factors contributing to food allergy include the genetics that alter skin absorbency, use of infant cleansing wipes that leave soap on the skin, skin exposure to allergens in dust and skin exposure to food from those providing infant care. Food allergy is triggered when these factors occur together.

For more information click [HERE](#)

b) ABB: Learn lessons from fipronil

The importance of traceability is the key lesson food manufacturers should embrace in the wake of last year's fipronil egg contamination, a process control provider has claimed.

From knowing exactly what is used on products from farm to fork to keeping an accurate record of data, food firms could gain a great deal of insight from the crisis.

A main concern from the fipronil incident was that authorities in the Netherlands had become aware of the illegal use of the insecticide as far back as November 2016.

For more information click [HERE](#)

c) Salmon recalled over Clostridium botulinum fears

Scottish fish producer Ru An Fhoder Smokehouse has recalled two products due to concerns over Clostridium botulinum.

The products have been recalled as a precautionary measure, because of concerns over the company's procedures in place to control Clostridium botulinum. Botulinum toxin can cause a serious form of food poisoning, called botulism, and is potentially fatal.

For more information click [HERE](#)

d) Grill flavors banned in EU: Red Arrow and Symrise respond with alternatives as clock runs out

Two commonly used grill flavors [Grillin' 5078 and Grillin' CB-200SF] are no longer allowed in the EU as of yesterday [April 22, 2018]. Despite efforts from the supplier

Red Arrow Products [a Kerry business since the end of 2015] for a last minute reprieve for the flavorings, this has not been successful.

Red Arrow has now launched a new grill flavor that is approved for use in the EU and that it says is identical in flavor characteristics to the legacy grill flavors. It will also continue to push for a reauthorization of the grill flavors impacted by the regulatory change.

For more information click [HERE](#)

e) EU Member States back neonicotinoid ban

European Member States have voted in favour of Commission proposals for an almost total ban on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides in the EU.

In a vote today (27 April), countries representing 76.1% of the EU population backed the plan to clamp down on the use of neonicotinoid insecticides, the use of which has been associated with declining bee populations.

For more information click [HERE](#)

NSF can provide CIEH Levels 1-4 training to cover the causes and costs of accidents, the law and legal responsibilities, slips, trips and falls, cuts, burns and scalds, machinery & electric safety, gas and fire safety, manual handling, COSHH, First Aid, RIDDOR, security and risk assessments and examinations and Permanent Record of Completion and Competence.

This training will benefit all staff in the food service sector and can be used with individuals and small number groups. Contact traininguk@nsf.org for further information.

10) Origin

a) EU clarifies stance on origin of ingredients

After initially confusing food businesses as to whether they must comply with upcoming draft European Union (EU) rules on country-of-origin labelling, the European Commission has told GlobalMeatNews that its planned new rules will be voluntary.

It has said that, under a draft Commission regulation (which will not need special authorisation from EU ministers and MEPs) from 1 April 2019, EU meat and meat product manufacturers will still be able to choose whether to label the origin of their food and ingredients.

However, if the Commission goes ahead with its plans, for manufacturers and brands wanting to use origin labelling "it will become mandatory to write/label/specify the origin of the primary/main ingredient in case it is different from the country of the food" where a final product was manufactured.

For more information click [HERE](#)

b) Italy ignores EU on origin labels using 'a ruse that could undermine the single market'

After repeatedly ignoring warnings from the European Commission, Italy has forged ahead with its law on mandatory origin labelling, a move that critics argue weakens the single market, undermines EU authority and could spell big fines for manufacturers.

Letters and emails between the European Commission and the Italian government seen by FoodNavigator show the Commission has repeatedly warned Italy that its law requiring food manufacturers to list factory names and addresses on pack is against EU law.

Despite the EU warnings, Italy's law is in now place meaning food law enforcement officers are required by Italian law to issue fines of up to €18,000 to offending manufacturers.

For more information click [HERE](#)

11) New UK supermarket giant: Asda-Sainsbury's "pivotal" merger fuels fears of a supplier squeeze

Sainsbury's and Walmart's UK supermarket chain Asda are joining forces in a deal worth £15 billion (US\$20.67 billion) to create a dynamic new player in the retail market with a huge breadth of products and multiple channels that are expected to shake-up Britain's retail space. And the repercussions have already started as Sainsbury's shares have surged 20 percent following confirmation of the tie-up this morning (April 30), while there are concerns that the combination will put a serious squeeze on some of the leading food suppliers and could lead to job losses at both Sainsbury's and Asda stores.

However, Sainsbury's has confirmed that there could be price cuts of around 10 percent on some of the products customers buy regularly and insists "there are no planned Sainsbury's or Asda store closures as a result of the combination."

Sainsbury's and Walmart Inc have agreed on terms of a proposed combination to create an enlarged business which, if approved by regulators, will surpass Tesco, currently the UK's largest retailer.

For more information click [HERE](#)

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12) EC proposals to ban unfair trading practices welcomed

A European Commission proposal to ban unfair trading practices (UTPs) in the food supply chain has been welcomed by numerous groups. It will prohibit the 'more damaging' UTPs to ensure fairer treatment for small and medium sized food and farming businesses.

Nine groups said the move has the potential to create a minimum harmonisation at EU level without endangering existing systems in some Member States.

The proposal includes enforcement so financial sanctions can be imposed by national authorities when there are infringements. It requires Member States to designate a public authority to initiate investigations either of its own initiative or based on a complaint.

For more information click [HERE](#)

13) Irish calls for carbon tax on agriculture

Ireland's Citizens Assembly has issued a report on how the country can become a "leader in tackling climate change", including calls for the taxation of agricultural greenhouse gas emissions and increased efforts to combat food waste.

Nearly nine out of ten members of the Assembly backed the introduction of a tax on agricultural greenhouse gas emissions - as well as moves to incentivise farmers who adopt regenerative practices to sequester carbon, putting CO2 back into the soil.

For more information click [HERE](#)

14) Cranswick urges more transparency in food production

Meat processor Cranswick has urged the entire food chain to become more transparent to restore public trust, predicting consumers would increasingly insist on accessing traceability information via smartphone.

The report, which was based on both consumer and industry research, makes a case for the entire food industry to be able to give assurances on hygiene, safety, ethics and sustainability standards to a public whose trust in the food system has been eroded.

For more information click [HERE](#)

15) Brazil plans WTO appeal in 'trade war' as EU bans poultry imports

A Brazilian association has condemned an EU decision to suspend 20 plants in the country from exporting meat to Europe.

The Associação Brasileira de Proteína Animal (ABPA) said the measure is 'protectionist' and not based on public health risk.

Member States voted to ban imports of poultry, especially chicken, from 20 slaughterhouses, including BRF, due to deficiencies in the Brazilian official control system.

For more information click [HERE](#)

Recalls - to to 30th April

30 April 2018

[Sainsbury's recalls a range of its pet food pouch selections due to high levels of Vitamin D](#)

Sainsbury's is recalling a selection of its pet food pouch selections because they may contain high levels of vitamin D which exceed the maximum recommended intake.

27 April 2018

[GB Poultry Ltd recalls Breaded Chicken Escalops because packs may contain small pieces of plastic](#)

GB Poultry Ltd is recalling packs of Breaded Chicken Escalops with Sweet Chilli Mayo because the product may contain small pieces of plastic. The presence of plastic makes this product unsafe to eat.

25 April 2018

[Sweetland Ltd recalls sweet and cake products](#)

Sweetland Ltd is recalling various sweet and cake products because they have been produced in unhygienic conditions.

25 April 2018

[Willowbrook Foods recalls salad products with bacon due to the possible presence of Listeria monocytogenes](#)

Willowbrook Foods has taken the precautionary step of recalling certain salad products with bacon because they might contain Listeria monocytogenes. The products are sold in Budgens, Sainsbury's, Lidl and Spar retail stores.

19 April 2018

[Manning Impex Ltd recalls Buenas Grated Coconut as it may contain salmonella](#)

Manning Impex Ltd is recalling Buenas Grated Coconut as it may contain salmonella.

18 April 2018

[Dunnes Stores recalls Chicken, Bacon & Sweetcorn Deli Filler due to possible contamination with Listeria monocytogenes](#)

Dunnes Stores has taken the precautionary step of recalling Chicken, Bacon & Sweetcorn Deli Filler because the product might contain Listeria monocytogenes.

13 April 2018

[Surya Foods recalls Mother Africa Palm Oil because it contains illegal dye Sudan IV](#)

Surya Foods is recalling Mother Africa Pure Red Palm Oil and Mother Africa Zomi Palm Oil because they contain the illegal dye Sudan IV, which is potentially genotoxic and carcinogenic.

12 April 2018

[Sainsbury's recalls its Sliced Beetroot because it may contain small pieces of glass](#)

Sainsbury's is recalling a batch of its Sliced Beetroot sold in jars because the product may contain small pieces of glass. The presence of glass makes this product unsafe to eat and presents a safety risk.

10 April 2018

[AKM Foods Ltd recalls Zaiqa International Mini Fruit Jelly because of a choking hazard](#)

AKM Foods Limited is recalling Zaiqa International Mini Fruit Jelly because of a choking hazard. The product can be projected from a cup or capsule in one piece by exerting pressure at the tip.

5 April 2018

[Power Body Nutrition Ltd. recalls NOW Foods Vitamin A 25,000 IU from Fish Liver Oil](#)

Power Body Nutrition Ltd. is recalling NOW Foods Vitamin A 25,000 IU from Fish Liver Oil because the levels of Vitamin A in the product exceed the maximum recommended intake.

4 April 2018

[TRS Wholesale Co Ltd recalls TRS Turmeric Powder as it may contain Salmonella](#)

TRS Wholesale Co Ltd is recalling its TRS Turmeric Powder as it may contain Salmonella.

Allergy - to 30th April

27 April 2018

[Runwick Roastery Ltd recalls Cupsmith Truly Magnificent White Hot Chocolate due to undeclared milk](#)

Runwick Roastery Ltd is recalling Cupsmith Truly Magnificent White Hot Chocolate because it contains milk which is not mentioned on the label.

26 April 2018

[Tesco recalls Hearty Food Company Cottage Pie and Hearty Food Company Sausage and Mash due to undeclared milk](#)

Tesco is recalling Hearty Food Company Cottage Pie and Hearty Food Company Sausage and Mash because it contains milk which is not mentioned on the label.

25 April 2018

[Windmill Organics Ltd recalls Biona Organic Spelt Lasagne Sheets because of undeclared wheat](#)

Windmill Organics Ltd is recalling its Biona Organic Spelt Lasagne Sheets because the product contains undeclared wheat which is not mentioned on the label.

25 April 2018

[Unisnacks recalls Lotte Choco Pie due to undeclared almonds](#)

Unisnacks is recalling its Lotte Choco Pie because they may contain almonds which are not declared on the packaging. This means the product is a possible health risk for anyone with an allergy to nuts.

19 April 2018

[Rude Health Foods Ltd recalls a batch of Rude Health Cacao & Vanilla Granola due to allergen ingredient not declared in English](#)

Rude Health Foods Ltd is recalling a batch of Rude Health Cacao & Vanilla Granola because it contains almond, which is not written in English. This means the product is a possible health risk for anyone with an allergy to nuts.

13 April 2018

[Innovative Bites and American Fizz recall Peanut Butter Cookie Dough Bites due to undeclared and incorrect labelling of allergens](#)

Innovative Bites and American Fizz are recalling Peanut Butter Cookie Dough Bites because they may contain egg and wheat which are not (or not correctly) mentioned on the packaging.

11 April 2018

[Halo Top recalls Mint Chip Ice Cream and Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Ice Cream because of undeclared soya](#)

Halo Top UK Ltd is recalling Mint Chip Ice Cream and Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Ice Cream because they contain chocolate chips with soya which is not mentioned on the label.

11 April 2018

[Sara International Ltd recalls Sara Tahina because of undeclared sesame](#)

Sara International Ltd is recalling Sara Tahina because it contains sesame which is not mentioned on the product label. This means the product is a possible health risk for anyone with an allergy to sesame.

9 April 2018

[Maxela Ltd recalls Rolnik Beer Mustard because it contains undeclared sulphur dioxide](#)

Maxela Ltd is recalling Rolnik Beer Mustard because it contains sulphur dioxide which is not mentioned on the label. This means the product is a possible health risk for anyone with a sensitivity to sulphur dioxide and/or sulphites.

9 April 2018

[Nevis Bakery recalls Empire Biscuits because of undeclared egg](#)

Nevis Bakery is recalling Empire Biscuits because they contain egg which is not mentioned on the label. This means the product is a possible health risk for anyone with an allergy or intolerance to egg.

4 April 2018

[Interlink Direct Ltd recalls its CG Classic Coconut Candy because of undeclared milk](#)

Interlink Direct Ltd is recalling its CG Classic Coconut Candy because of accidental milk contamination during the production process.

EU RASFF (Rapid alert system for food and Feed) - highlights to 30th April

All RASFF can be found [HERE](#)

Date	Country of origin	Subject	Country of notification	Classification
27/04/2018	Chile	Salmonella (1 out of 5 samples /25g) in frozen salted chicken breasts from Chile	United Kingdom	border rejection border control - consignment detained
26/04/2018	Zambia	aflatoxins (B1 = 104 µg/kg - ppb) in groundnuts from Zambia	United Kingdom	border rejection border control - consignment detained
26/04/2018	Zambia	aflatoxins (B1 = 30.1 µg/kg - ppb) in groundnuts for birdfeed from Zambia	United Kingdom	border rejection - consignment detained
26/04/2018	Turkey	ochratoxin A (15.2 µg/kg - ppb) in raisins from Turkey	United Kingdom	border rejection - consignment detained
23/04/2018	Dominican Republic	methomyl (0.69 mg/kg - ppm) in chilli peppers from the Dominican Republic	United Kingdom	border rejection - consignment detained
20/04/2018	Philippines	Salmonella in frozen grated coconut from the Philippines	United Kingdom	alert official control on the market
20/04/2018	Chile	Salmonella (presence in 4 out of 5 samples /25g) in frozen poultry meat preparation from Chile	United Kingdom	border rejection - consignment detained
20/04/2018	Chile	Salmonella (in 2 out of 5 samples /25g) in frozen salted chicken half breasts from Chile	United Kingdom	border rejection - consignment detained
19/04/2018	United States	2,4-dinitrophenol (DNP) in food supplement from the United States	United Kingdom	information for attention monitoring of media

19/04/2018	Canada	poor temperature control of frozen Atlantic cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>) from Canada	United Kingdom	border rejection - consignment detained
18/04/2018	Unknown	unauthorised food additive sodium chlorite (28 %) in sodium chlorite solution from unknown origin	United Kingdom	alert monitoring of media
18/04/2018	Germany	unauthorised food additive sodium chlorite in sodium chlorite solution from Germany	United Kingdom	alert monitoring of media
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16/04/2018	United Kingdom	benzo(a)pyrene (2.7; 2.9 µg/kg - ppb) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (sum of PAH4: 27.1; 28.7 µg/kg - ppb) in coconut oil from the United Kingdom	Netherlands	alert - official control on the market informing recipient(s)
12/04/2018	Netherlands	organic gluten free porridge flakes packaged in the Netherlands infested with insects	United Kingdom	information for attention consumer complaint
12/04/2018	United Kingdom	benzo(a)pyrene (2.8 µg/kg - ppb) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (13.6 µg/kg - ppb) and unauthorised colour Sudan 4 (204 µg/kg - ppb) in red palm oil from the United Kingdom	Netherlands	alert - official control on the market
12/04/2018	United States	undeclared soya (soya lecithin) in ice cream from the United States	United Kingdom	alert company's own check
12/04/2018	Chile	Salmonella enterica ser. Infantis (in 1 out of 5 samples /25g) in frozen chicken meat preparation from Chile	United Kingdom	border rejection - consignment detained
11/04/2018	Turkey	aflatoxins (B1 = 6.5; Tot. = 16 µg/kg - ppb) in roasted hazelnut halves from Turkey	United Kingdom	border rejection - consignment detained
10/04/2018	China	too high count of Enterobacteriaceae (>150000 CFU/g) in fish treats for dogs from China	United Kingdom	information for attention - consignment released
06/04/2018	South Korea	carbon monoxide treatment (384 µg/kg - ppb) of frozen raw skipjack tuna loins from South Korea	United Kingdom	information for attention - consignment released
05/04/2018	Pakistan	undeclared sulphite (50 mg/kg - ppm) in blueberry chews from Pakistan	United Kingdom	information for attention -

				consignment released
04/04/2018	Philippines	undeclared sulphite in dried mangoes from the Philippines	United Kingdom	information for attention official control on the market
04/04/2018	Chile	Salmonella (in 2 out of 5 samples /25g) in frozen salted chicken breasts from Chile	United Kingdom	alert - consignment released
03/04/2018	United Kingdom	high content of zinc (8350 mg /100g) in food supplement from the United Kingdom	Austria	withdrawal from the market
03/04/2018	Poland	coagulase-positive Staphylococcus (25000; 200000 CFU/g) in cheese from Poland	United Kingdom	information for follow-up official control on the market
30/03/2018	United Kingdom	unauthorised novel food ingredients betaine (betaine nitrate) and agmatine sulphate in food supplement from the United Kingdom	Germany	official control on the market. Withdrawal from the market



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