





Recall Review Newsletter

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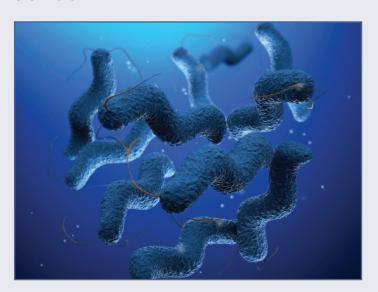
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Campylobacter; are we winning the battle?

On 28 May 2015, the UK Food Standards Agency published its final set of results from a year-long study of campylobacter on fresh chickens. More than 4,000 samples of fresh whole chilled chickens, bought from large UK retail outlets and smaller independent stores, and the packaging were tested and alarmingly, the data revealed that all of the UK retailers had yet to meet the target for reducing the incidence of campylobacter. Additional analysis of Q1-Q4 results by the FSA is currently underway and will be released later in the year. To view the FSA's cumulative results by retailer for samples taken between February 2014 and February 2015, please click here.

A second UK-wide survey sampling fresh whole chickens is set to commence within the following months to help the FSA measure the impact of the interventions now being introduced by industry to tackle the bacteria. Some of the larger retailers namely, Marks & Spencer, Morrisons, the Co-op and Waitrose have all implemented campylobacter reduction plans of their own which have significantly decreased the incidence of campylobacter on their raw whole chickens. FSA Director of Policy, Steve Wearne stated: 'I am absolutely delighted to see the really encouraging results from these four supermarkets and their suppliers. They are making a real difference to public health, helping to cut down on the estimated 280,000 people who get ill from campylobacter each year. As we have always said, if you are prepared to work across the food chain to reduce the spread of this bug then you will get results.' Richard MacDonald, Chair of the Acting on Campylobacter Together (ACT) Board, went on to say: 'I have been impressed by the level of commitment and tangible action being taken by a number of retailers and processors of chicken. I hope we continue to see further progress in our fight to significantly reduce or even eradicate campylobacter on chickens. Individual actions and cross-industry sharing of best practice are starting to have a real and tangible impact.'

Earlier this year, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (ECDC) stated that campylobacteriosis infections reported in humans had stabilised for the first time in several years after an increasing trend; one of the key findings of the European Union Summary Report on Trends and Sources of Zoonoses, Zoonotic Agents and Food-borne Outbreaks in 2013. With the 2013 figures back to similar levels first reported in 2012, campylobacteriosis still, however, remains the most commonly reported food-borne illness in the EU since 2005. To view the EFSA-ECDC report covering 16 zoonoses and foodborne outbreaks, please click here.



Further afield, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published its latest results from CDC's FoodNet foodborne disease surveillance system which tracks culture-confirmed cases of nine of the major foodborne diseases in 10 states, covering approximately 48 million Americans, or 15% of the population. The authors of the report state that the

incidence of campylobacter infections has grown by some 13% and that more information is needed to understand what is actually behind this rise; the illnesses often occurs sporadically rather than as part of an identified outbreak. Patricia Griffin, MD, MPH, Chief of Enteric Diseases with the CDC's division of foodborne, waterborne and environmental diseases and co-author of the report, said the findings reflect mixed news and major challenges but show that success against foodborne illness is possible. To view the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) for May detailing these findings, please click here.

The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) also recently proposed changes to Salmonella and Campylobacter Verification Testing Program to create a new set of standards for campylobacter in chicken parts and for ground chicken and turkey in the hopes of preventing some 50,000 illnesses in the US each year. FSIS, however, is predicting that approximately 46% of facilities producing raw chicken parts, 24% of facilities producing ground chicken and 9% of facilities producing ground turkey will not initially meet the new campylobacter standards. If establishments don't meet a specific performance standard, FSIS states it will conduct follow-up sampling to assess whether the establishment is making, or has made, changes to its food safety system to improve its process controls. The agency is also set to commence routine sampling of raw chicken parts and imported poultry products and will post regular reports on how producers are performing. Chris Waldrop, Director of the Food Policy Institute at Consumer Federation of America stated that: 'Pathogen rates on poultry parts and ground poultry are way too high. These standards are essential to protect consumers and help drive down rates of contamination in these products.'

red24assist's Gap Analysis Tool - GAT

There have been significant changes over the past few years within the food manufacturing sector across both the EU and the US. Increasing regulatory and compliance requirements have made managing these issues difficult, costly and time consuming. 'red24assist's Gap Analysis Tool offers an ideal opportunity for food businesses to benchmark their performance and identify areas where support, advice and guidance may be appropriate' Eric Smith - Head of Food Safety & Product Recall. To register for a GAT report and learn where your company's vulnerabilities are, please click here.

Americas

United States - 29 May 2015 - A specific establishment number of Anytime Foods Turkey and Cheese Lunch Kits recalled due to misbranding and the subsequent undeclared presence of an egg allergen.

United States - 29 May 2015 - All Coco (Coconut) Popsicle and Walnut (Nuez) Bolis recalled due to the undeclared presence of milk and sulphite allergens.

United States - 28 May 2015 - A specific best-by date of 4oz bags of Lite Works Dill Pickle Popcorn recalled due to the undeclared presence of a milk allergen.



United States - 27 May 2015 - Two lot codes of Natural Grocers brand Macadamia nuts recalled due to possible salmonella contamination.

United States - 27 May 2015 - A specific best-before date of dried apricots in 3.5oz plastic bags recalled due to the undeclared presence of sulphites.

United States - 26 May 2015 - A specific best-before date of Brown Betty Coconut Milk Powder Mix recalled due to the undeclared presence of a sodium caseinate allergen.

United States - 23 May 2015 - A specific lot code of Vanilla candy coated chews recalled due to the presence of very small stainless steel wire pieces, the kind and type used in the screening process during manufacturing.

United States - 23 May 2015 - A specific best-before date of Jivara Lactee Milk Chocolate Valrhona cut and wrap pieces recalled due to the undeclared presence of a hazelnut allergen.

United States - 22 May 2015 - Specific lot codes of coconut medium shred recalled due to the presence of very small stainless steel wire pieces, the kind and type used in the screening process during manufacturing.

United States - 22 May 2015 - Specific production dates of approximately 4,038lb of pork products recalled due to the undeclared presence of a wheat allergen. The pork product was mistakenly mislabelled and may contain the wrong product, a mushroom risotto which contains wheat.

United States - 22 May 2015 - Specific production dates of approximately 12lb of beef products recalled due to the undeclared presence of a soy allergen.

United States - 20 May 2015 - Update: The recall issued includes additional items. The new total recalled poundage is 440,923lb of chicken, beef and pork products.

United States - 20 May 2015 - Approximately 213,192lb of chicken, beef and pork products that were produced without the benefit of inspection and misbranded recalled because of the unauthorised use of a USDA mark of inspection.

United States - 19 May 2015 - Hua Zhi Ying brand Gourd Candy recalled due to mislabelling and the subsequent undeclared presence of sulphites (a group of sulphur-based compounds that may occur naturally or may be added to food as an enhancer and preservative).

United States - 18 May 2015 - A specific lot code of Jose Madrid Salsa Original Mild Salsa recalled due to potentially improperly sealed jars. An unknown number of jar lids may have been convex instead of vacuum sealed.

United States - 16 May 2015 - Specific production dates of 2,522lb of boneless veal trim and whole veal muscle cut products recalled due to possible E. coli O157:H7 contamination.

United States - 16 May 2015 - Specific production dates of approximately 414lb of ground stuffing product recalled due to the undeclared presence of a soy lecithin allergen.

United States - 15 May 2015 - Specific UPC codes of Aurora, Belmont Market, Citarella, Ernest Klein, Gourmet Garage, Harvest Co-Op Market, Le District, Lees Market, Palmers Market, Walter Stewart Market, Whole Foods Market and Wild By Nature brands of Macadamia Nuts recalled due to possible salmonella contamination.

United States - 14 May 2015 - Specific production dates of approximately 2,191lb of chicken and 21lb of turkey products recalled due to possible trichloro-striazinetrione contamination which is not approved for use in poultry processing.

United States - 8 May 2015 - Specific UPC codes of all packages of soybean sprouts and mung bean sprouts recalled due to potential listeria monocytogenes contamination.

United States - 8 May 2015 - Specific packing codes of approximately 46,612lb of pork with sauce products recalled due to the undeclared presence of a soy allergen.

United States - 7 May 2015 - Specific lot numbers of approximately 1,729lb of various raw pork and chicken sausage products recalled due to the undeclared presence of a wheat allergen.

United States - 7 May 2015 - Specific lot numbers of approximately 665lb of various beef products recalled due to the undeclared presence of wheat, soy and milk allergens.

United States - 6 May 2015 - All packages of Crown Food International Cummin Powder packaged in an uncoded plastic bag labelled as 400 GMS recalled due to the undeclared presence of a peanut allergen.



United States - 6 May 2015 - Specific expiration dates of 6,188 cases of Shrimp and Soya Patties recalled due to the undeclared presence of an egg allergen.

United States - 1 May 2015 - Specific best-before dates all Almond, Aztec Chile, Burnt Caramel, Almond Coconut, Ginger, and Sesame Toffee Individually Wrapped Tiles recalled due to the undeclared presence of a milk allergen and milk allergen containing ingredient, butter.

United States - 1 May 2015 - Specific production dates of approximately 4,672lb of chicken noodle soup products recalled that contain chicken from a country that is not eligible to send product to the US.

United States - 1 May 2015 - Approximately 11 to 22lb of 1 to 2lb packages of Bi-Lo Market Style Ground Beef recalled due to possible contamination with pieces from a small plastic pop-up timer.

Australia and New Zealand

Australia - 25 May 2015 - A specific-best before date of William's Eggs-Fresh As Eggs 500g, 600g, 700g and 800g recalled due to a system failure leading to the potential for unacceptable cracked eggs.

Australia - 14 May 2015 - A specific best-before date of Salsa Izolotot recalled due to the undeclared presence of a gluten allergen.

Australia - 8 May 2015 - A specific use-by date of La Famiglia Kitchen Stone Baked sourdough garlic bread - 480g recalled due to possible foreign matter (small metal pieces) contamination.



Canada

Canada - 29 May 2015 - A specific UPC code of Schneider's All Beef Bologna recalled due to the undeclared presence of milk and wheat allergens.

Canada - 29 May 2015 - A specific UPC code of Willow Creek Certified Organic Curry Powder recalled due to the undeclared presence of at mustard allergen.

Canada - 28 May 2015 - Update: Recall of President's Choice brand Moroccan-Style Hummus updated to include additional product information due to a possible Staphylococcus bacteria toxin.

Canada - 27 May 2015 - A specific UPC code of Vinh Thuan brand Instant Coconut Powder due to the undeclared presence of at milk allergen.

Canada - 25 May 2015 - A specific UPC code of President's Choice brand Moroccan-Style Hummus recalled due to a possible Staphylococcus bacteria toxin.

Canada - 22 May 2015 - Specific UPC codes of various Farmer's Market and Strang's Produce brands of Russet Potatoes recalled due to possible food tampering with nails and needles.

Canada - 21 May 2015 - Specific UPC codes of Compliments beef recalled due to the undeclared presence of mustard and wheat allergens.

Canada - 20 May 2015 - Specific UPC codes of Glico Double Pretz Biscuit Sticks Milk & Coffee Flavor and Glico Pretz Biscuit Sticks Pizza Flavor recalled due to the undeclared presence of a milk allergen.

Canada - 19 May 2015 - 250g un-coded, clear plastic packages of Hua Zhi Ying Brand Gourd Candy recalled due to the undeclared presence of sulphites.

Canada - 19 May 2015 - Specific UPC codes of various Vasco Da Gama brand canned seafood products recalled due to the possible presence of dangerous bacteria.

Canada - 15 May 2015 - A specific UPC code of Orion Ball 202g (N/A Korean characters only) recalled due to the undeclared presence of squid, crab, and shrimp allergens.

Canada - 15 May 2015 - Specific UPC codes of Brown Betty brand Coconut Milk Powder Mix recalled due to the undeclared presence of a milk allergen.

Canada - 14 May 2015 - Specific UPC codes of DXN brand instant coffee products recalled due to the undeclared presence of a milk allergen.

Canada - 13 May 2015 - Specific best-before dates of The Soup Boy Carrot Soup 1ltr recalled due to possible Clostridium botulinum contamination.

Canada - 11 May 2015 - Update: The recall issued on 9 May 2015 to include additional product information due to possible E. coli O157:H7 contamination.

Canada - 9 May 2015 - Specific UPC codes of various Killarney Market ground beef products recalled due to possible E. coli O157:H7 contamination.

Canada - 5 May 2015 - A specific UPC code of Kirkland Signature Natural Peanut Butter – Creamy recalled due to pieces of plastic contained within the product.

Canada - 5 May 2015 - Specific UPC codes of Provitus Fried Carrot, Fried Cabbage and Marinated Red Pepper vegetable products and Olza Prince Polo Classic Chocolate Covered Wafer recalled due to the undeclared presence of wheat, mustard and milk allergens.

Canada - 1 May 2015 - A specific UPC code of Lasco Coconut Cream Powder recalled due to the undeclared presence of a milk allergen.

Canada - 1 May 2015 - Update: The recall issued on 29 April 2015 of Simple Simon Soups brand Lobster Chowder to include additional product information.

Canada - 1 May 2015 - Specific UPC codes of Pretz – 'Ramen flavour' (Japanese characters only), Pretz – 'Scallop flavour' (Japanese characters only) and Pretz – 'Mild Salad flavour' (Japanese characters only) recalled due to the undeclared presence of a milk allergen.

Europe

United Kingdom - 29 May 2015 - A specific best-before date of Mount Hood Porter beer recalled because a manufacturing fault means the bottles might shatter.

Germany - 29 May 2015 - A specific best-before date of Rewe Feine Welt apple composition dairy dessert 100g recalled due to glass fragment contamination in individual jars of the product.

Netherlands - 28 May 2015 - A specific best-before date of cheeses recalled due to possible salmonella contamination.

Ireland - 23 May 2015 - Specific best-before dates of Kurkumawurzel, gemahlen (ground turmeric root) 50g packs, recalled due to possible salmonella infantis contamination.

Netherlands - 22 May 2015 - A specific bar code of Jumbo Chicken Salads Italian recalled due to a production error which resulted in the meal salads containing raw chicken instead of cooked chicken.

Germany - 22 May 2015 - Specific best-before dates of Tumeric root milled recalled due to possible microbial contamination.

Ireland - 22 May 2015 - A specific best before date of Liquorice Root recalled due to the presence of elevated levels of Ochratoxin A.

Netherlands - 19 May 2015 - Specific expiration dates of Argus Panache 10 x 25ml recalled because the possibility exists that when opening the bottle, splintering occurs. As a result, it is possible that glass particles fall into the product.

United Kingdom - 19 May 2015 - Specific batch codes of Organic Chlorella Powder with BioCultures recalled due to possible salmonella contamination.

United Kingdom - 19 May 2015 - Lot numbers of The Society's Prosecco brand wine recalled because the bottle might shatter.

France - 15 May 2015 - A specific article code of Picard brand Blueberries 450g recalled due to possible microbial contamination (presence of norovirus).

Ireland - 14 May 2015 - All batch codes of Eridanous Moussaka (frozen), pack size: 380g recalled because the cooking instructions provided on the label are incorrect. The label incorrectly states that the product is to be cooked in the oven for 10 minutes or in the microwave for 2 minutes. The correct cooking

instructions are 45 minutes in the oven or 10 minutes in the microwave.

United Kingdom - 13 May 2015 - A specific best-before date of Organic Crunchy Peanut Butter recalled due to possible foreign matter contamination.

Ireland - 13 May 2015 - A specific batch code of Suma Unsalted Organic Crunchy Peanut Butter; pack size: 700g recalled due to the possible presence of foreign body contamination.

United Kingdom - 12 May 2015 - Various food products containing potatoes recalled due to a batch of potatoes found to contain small pieces of metal.

Denmark - 12 May 2015 - Specific best-before dates of Coop roasted and salted almonds recalled due to the undeclared presence of soy and wheat allergens.

Ireland - 11 May 2015 - A specific best-before date of Big Al's Chicken Goujons Gluten and Wheat Free recalled due to the possible presence of clear plastic pieces in some packs.

Germany - 11 May 2015 - Best-before dates of Goats cheese recalled due to possible salmonella contamination.

Germany - 8 May 2015 - Specific best before dates of Glass noodles Zong's: Mien Dong Ha Noi recalled due to possible excessive aluminium content.

United Kingdom - 8 May 2015 - All date codes of various own brand potato salad and coleslaw products recalled due to possible metal contamination.

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Denmark - 8 May 2015 - Specific durability dates of minced beef burgers recalled due to possible salmonella contamination.

Denmark - 6 May 2015 - Specific item numbers of Beef hamburger steak and Beef mince recalled due to possible salmonella contamination.

United Kingdom - 6 May 2015 - A specific batch number of the spice sommak recalled due to the presence of the illegal dyes Orange II and Sudan detected within the product.

Netherlands - 5 May 2015 - Specific best-before dates of various pork products recalled due to insufficient temperature controls.

Denmark - 5 May 2015 - Specific packing dates of ground pork, sausages and rissoles recalled due to possible salmonella contamination.

Denmark - 4 May 2015 - Specific best-before dates of Organic whole milk recalled due to possible listeria monocytogenes contamination.

Denmark - 4 May 2015 - Specific batch numbers of Tenderloin Clumsy fillet blocks recalled due to possible salmonella contamination.

Denmark - 3 May 2015 - Specific production dates of Whole chicken 'Tasteful', Whole chicken 'North Chicken' 1,200g and 1,600g recalled due to possible Salmonella contamination.



Automotive & Pharmaceutical recalls

Australia - 28 May 2015 - Specific VIN ranges of Lexus NX200t vehicles recalled due to a defect on the ABS actuator.

Australia - 28 May 2015 - All Slim Fit capsules recalled due to the undeclared presence of sibutramine.

Australia - 22 May 2015 - Specific VIN ranges of Subaru Impreza vehicles equipped with a Takata front passenger airbag SPI inflator with propellant wafers recalled because the passenger's front airbag inflator propellant wafers may have an increased potential for moisture intrusion over time. Moisture intrusion could potentially make the inflator assembly more susceptible to rupture during airbag deployment.

Australia - 20 May 2015 - Specific build ranges of MY10 Holden JG Cruze and MY11 to MY12 Holden JH Cruze vehicles recalled because if the park brake lever is not applied as far as possible, and the brakes are at a sufficiently elevated temperature, it may be possible for unintended vehicle movement to occur sometime after the vehicle is parked.

Australia - 18 May 2015 - One batch with a specific expiry date of High Strength Niuhuang Jiedu tablets (bottle of 60) recalled because it has been found to contain arsenic at an unacceptably high level.

Australia - 18 May 2015 - VN and VO transit vehicles fitted with 2.2ltr Duratorq engines recalled due to a small number of fuel injectors fitted may have an incorrectly assembled internal valve.

Australia - 18 May 2015 - Specific year models of Jazz and CR-V vehicles recalled due to a faulty driver's SRS Airbag inflator.

Australia - 18 May 2015 - Specific models of Toyota ECHO and RAV4 recalled due to faulty driver's side airbag inflator.

Australia - 18 May 2015 - Recalled specific VIN numbers of Toyota Corolla, Avensis Verso and Yaris vehicles recalled due to a faulty passenger side front airbag inflator

United States - 15 May 2015 - Specific lot numbers of Natural Creations New Zealand Colostrum recalled because the label does not inform consumers that the product is milk-based.

Australia - 12 May 2015 - Specific VIN numbers of C30 vehicles fitted with a 6 speed manual transmission recalled because the clutch cylinder rod may break. If the deviation occurs, it may not be possible for the driver to disengage the clutch.

Australia - 12 May 2015 - Specific VIN numbers of Volvo C30, C70, S40 & V50 MY2008 to MY2011 vehicles fitted with 6 speed manual transmission recalled because the clutch cylinder rod may break. If the deviation occurs, it may not be possible for the driver to disengage the clutch.



Australia - 11 May 2015 - Specific VIN numbers of Ssangyong Rexton and Kyron vehicles recalled due to a manufacturing issue, the rear suspension track rod assemblies may be damaged under extreme driving conditions. If the defect occurs, the rear suspension track rods may fail, posing a potential accident hazard to the driver and other road users.

Australia - 11 May 2015 - Specific VIN numbers of Ssangyong Rexton, Kyron, Actyon & Actyon Sports Vehicles recalled due to a manufacturing issue, the front suspension lower ball joints may be damaged under extreme driving conditions. If the defect occurs, the front lower suspension ball joints may fail, posing a potential accident hazard to the driver and other road users.

United States - 5 May 2015 - Eight lots of Adrucil (fluorouracil injection, USP) 5g/100ml (50 mg/ml) recalled due to the potential presence of particulate matter identified as aggregate of silicone rubber pieces from a filler diaphragm and fluorouracil crystals.

Australia - 4 May 2015 - Eight lot numbers of Adrucil® (fluorouracil injection, USP) 5g/100ml (50mg/ml) recalled due to the potential presence of particulate matter identified as aggregate of silicone rubber pieces from a filler diaphragm and fluorouracil crystals.

Australia - 4 May 2015 - A specific model year of Volkswagen Polo Target 2708 vehicles recalled as the pulley on the camshaft adjuster on affected vehicles can break. If the camshaft adjuster fails the belt drive of the engine may also be damaged.

Australia - 1 May 2015 - A specific model year of LDV Motor vehicles recalled because the 'Identification Label' printed by a third party Australian supplier has been printed incorrectly. The label omits the required inclusion of the vehicle manufacturer's name.

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