



Failing food report – October 2019

This report details food that was found to fail under the Imported Food Inspection Scheme during the month. For full data on activity and compliance under the Scheme refer to the annual [Imported Food Inspection Data](#) reports.

Risk food tests (targeted monitoring of food for compliance to safety standards)

The Department of Agriculture (the department) targets and monitors food determined to pose a high or medium risk to public health. [Risk food](#) is targeted at the rate of 100 per cent until a history of compliance is established.

Tables 1 and 2 detail where noncompliant food was detected.

The noncompliant food was not distributed for sale in Australia. It was destroyed by the importer or re-exported to the country of origin under department supervision. More information on risk food and the tests applied under the IFIS can be found on the [Tests applied to risk food](#) webpages.

Table 1 Microbiological/Allergen tests

Date of fail	Product description	Country of origin	Producer name	Reason for fail	Result/s	Units	Reference
9/10/2019	Petit Agour cheese	France	Agour Sasu	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Detected	/125g	CHE 07/2018
11/10/2019	Cooked crawfish	China	Zhongyang Fishery (Shanghai)	Standard plate count	120 000, 230 000, 90 000, 380 000, 280 000	/125g	CRU 03/2019
21/10/2019	Frozen cooked prawns	Vietnam	Bac Lieu Fisheries Joint Stock Company	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>	Detected	/125g	CRU 03/2019
30/10/2019	Cooked ark shell meat	Republic of Korea	Namdo Kkomak Co., Ltd	<i>E. coli</i>	17, <2, 7, 8, 2	MPN/g	MOL 04/2017
31/10/2019	Dry mizithra cheese	Greece	Metsovo-Vlahotirokomikh Tsoutsoplides (Greece)	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Detected	/125g	CHE 07/2018
31/10/2019	Frozen cooked prawns	Thailand	Top Product Food Co. Ltd	Standard plate count	20 000, 5 200 000, 5 800 000, 2 000, 110 000	cfu/g	CRU 03/2019



Table 2 Chemical/Contaminant/Composition/Toxin test results

Date of fail	Product description	Country of origin	Producer name	Reason for fail	Result/s	Units	Reference
4/10/2019	Maldive fish chips	Sri Lanka	Leela Exports & Imports (Sri Lanka)	Histamine	210	mg/kg	HIS 12/2016
4/10/2019	Dried seaweed	Japan	Kurakon Foods Corporation	Iodine	3900	mg/kg	BSW 12/2016
8/10/2019	Fresh whole yellowfin tuna	Maldives	Cmf Fish Processing Factory	Histamine	309	mg/kg	HIS 12/2016
8/10/2019	Fresh whole yellowfin tuna	Maldives	Cmf Fish Processing Factory	Histamine	218	mg/kg	HIS 12/2016
2/10/2019	Spice coated peanuts	India	Raghuvanshi Exports	Aflatoxin	0.03	mg/kg	NUT 11/208
7/10/2019	Salted anchovies	Philippines	P.O.P Export Trading	Histamine	1500	mg/kg	HIS 12/2016
18/10/2019	Peanut and sesame paste	China	Jinhua Import & Export Trading Co Ltd	Aflatoxin	0.013 product contains 50 per cent peanut, therefore the calculated maximum level is 0.0075	mg/kg	NUT 11/208
21/10/2019	Fresh yellowfin tuna	Maldives	Cmf Fish Processing Factory	Histamine	473	mg/kg	HIS 12/2016
21/10/2019	Fresh yellowfin tuna	Maldives	Cmf Fish Processing Factory	Histamine	564	mg/kg	HIS 12/2016
21/10/2019	Fresh yellowfin tuna	Maldives	Cmf Fish Processing Factory	Histamine	253	mg/kg	HIS 12/2016



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21/10/2019	Fresh yellowfin tuna	Maldives	Cmf Fish Processing Factory	Histamine	276	mg/kg	HIS 12/2016
21/10/2019	Fresh yellowfin tuna	Maldives	Cmf Fish Processing Factory	Histamine	308	mg/kg	HIS 12/2016
28/10/2019	Cracker nuts	Philippines	Yunik Import And Export Corp	Aflatoxin	0.014 product contains 75 per cent peanut, therefore the calculated maximum level is 0.011	mg/kg	NUT 11/208
17/10/2019	Dried herring	Philippines	Pearlfoods International Inc.	Histamine	480	mg/kg	HIS 12/2016



Random monitoring of food for compliance

The department operates a five per cent random surveillance scheme to monitor a range of food imported into Australia for compliance to some standards in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code. These tests are applied as part of a rolling program of surveillance food and are therefore subject to change.

More information on surveillance food and the tests applied can be found on the [Tests applied to surveillance](#) food webpage.

Table 3 details where results were found to be noncompliant with food standards. Future consignments of this food are subject to an increased rate of testing until a history of compliance is achieved.

To increase the rate of testing, a legal instrument referred to as a 'holding order' is issued to refer food from a particular overseas producer for increased testing. The words 'HO match' indicate the fail was against an existing holding order. A new instrument is not issued for subsequent fails to an existing holding order.

Table 3 Surveillance food test results

Date of fail	Product description	Country of origin	Producer name	Test applied	Reason for fail	Result/s	Units	Reference	Holding order number
1/10/2019	Rice milk	Republic of Korea	Okf Corporation	Composition	Vitamin C	Not permitted in this food	n/a	FSC 1.3.2	15391
3/10/2019	Honey acacia	Serbia	Med-Honey Doo	Composition	Evidence of blended or artificial honey	24	%	FSC 2.8.2	15398
3/10/2019	Honey clover	Serbia	Med-Honey Doo	Composition	Evidence of blended or artificial honey	21	%	FSC 2.8.2	15398
4/10/2019	Fresh sugar snap peas	China	Xiangyang Heli Agriculture Development Co Ltd	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Thiamethoxam	0.1	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	15401



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10/10/2019	Frozen pandan leaf	Thailand	O-Cha Food Pack Co., Ltd (Thailand)	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Difenoconazole	0.054	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	HO match
30/09/2019	Dried jumbo peaches	United States	California Fruit Basket	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Cyprodinil	0.09	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	15407
2/10/2019	Fresh betel leaves	India	Fresh Jasmines Export And Import Pvt Ltd	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Triadimefon Triadimenol	0.058 0.058	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	15412
23/10/2019	Parval (pointed gourd)	India	Innovative Cuisine	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Dimethoate	0.022	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	15413
9/10/2019	Dried apricot fruit snack	South Africa	Pioneer Foods	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Thiabendazole	0.031	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	15414
11/10/2019	Whole dates	China	Cangzhou Ruifeng Date Product Co Ltd	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Carbendazim	0.07	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	HO match
15/10/2019	Spinach	India	Global Gourmet Pvt Ltd	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Chlorpyrifos	0.068	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	15422
17/10/2019	Honey with white truffle	Italy	Poddi Tartufi Srl	Composition	Evidence of blended or artificial honey	12	%	FSC 2.8.2	15429
17/10/2019	Fresh grapes	United States	Jasmine Vineyards Incorporated	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Propargite	2.7	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	15431



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17/10/2019	Fresh grapes	United States	Jasmine Vineyards Incorporated	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Propargite	1.4	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	15431
10/09/2019	Flavoured pan masala	India	Dharampal Premchand Ltd	Composition	<i>Areca catechu</i> (Betel nut)	Prohibited plant	n/a	FSC 1.4.4	HO match
23/10/2019	Red dates	China	Zhanhua Kingman Food Co.Ltd	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Dichlorvos Difenconazole	0.06 0.28	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	HO match
23/10/2019	Dried fern	Republic of Korea	Siworl F & D	Composition	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Prohibited plant	n/a	FSC 1.4.4	15437
25/10/2019	Frozen raw soft shell crab	Myanmar	King Latyar Co Ltd	Seafood antimicrobial tests	Nitrofurans	0.0022	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	15439
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25/10/2019	Fresh betel leaves	India	Fresh Jasmines Export And Import Pvt Ltd	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Chlorpyrifos Hexaconazole Metalaxyl	0.043 0.12 0.41	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	HO match
23/10/2019	Barbeque flavoured Corn chips	Philippines	Leslie Corporation	Composition	Vitamins A, B1, B2, B3, B5, B6, B12 and Folic Acid	Not permitted in this food	n/a	FSC 1.3.2	HO match



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23/10/2019	Wheaten flour	Taiwan	Yi-Feng Food Co., Ltd.	Composition	Vitamin C	Not permitted in this food	n/a	FSC 1.3.1	HO match
25/10/2019	Fresh garlic shoots	China	Shandong Sinofarm Food Co Ltd	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Thiabendazole	0.34	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2	15454