



Failing Food Report – April 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/Advisory food tests (targeted monitoring of food for compliance to safety standards)

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (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 food safety compliance is established. When an emerging human health and safety hazard is identified in food, the department may temporarily increase monitoring and testing. This is referred to as advisory food.

The following table details where noncompliant food was detected. Advisory food is marked with an asterisk in the table.

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. Future consignments continue to be targeted at 100 per cent until a history of compliance is established. More information on risk food and the tests applied under the IFIS can be found on the [Tests applied to risk food](#) webpages.

Microbiological / Allergen tests

Date of fail	Product description	Country of origin	Producer name	Reason for fail	Result/s	Units	Reference
1/04/2019	Cooked blue swimmer crab meat	Indonesia	Phillips Seafood (Indonesia)	Standard Plate Count	670 000, 1 000 000, 73 000, 2 600 000, 33 000	cfu/g	CRU 03/2019
11/04/2019	Kashmiri chilli powder	India	Brahmins Food India Pvt Ltd (India)	<i>Salmonella</i>	Detected	/125g	SPI 07/2018
18/04/2019	Tahini sesame seed paste	Turkey	Celikler Gida San Tric Ltd Sti	<i>Salmonella</i>	Detected	/125g	SES 05/2014
24/04/2019	Plain halva	Egypt	Dolby Trade	<i>Salmonella</i>	Detected	/125g	SES 05/2014
29/04/2019	Montasio cheese	Italy	Bernerli Spa	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Detected	/125g	CHE 07/2018



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18/04/2019	Frozen hard clams	Indonesia	Pt. Karya Agung Lestari Jaya	<i>E. coli</i>	9.3, 46, 2.3, 4.3, 2.3	MPN/g	MOL 04/2017
9/04/2019	Gorgonzola cheese	Italy	Ciresa Snc (Italy) I-03/165/Cee (Lecco)	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Detected	/125g	CHE 07/2018

Chemical/Contaminant/Toxin test results

Date of fail	Product description	Country of origin	Producer name	Reason for fail	Result/s	Units	Reference
2/04/2019	Dried seaweed slices	China	Luo Yuan Jia Zhi Wei Food Co Ltd	Iodine	4060	mg/kg	BSW 12/2016
11/04/2019	Dried fish	Sri Lanka	Enrich Tea And Food Exports (Pvt) Ltd	Histamine	1000	mg/kg	HIS 12/2016
11/04/2019	Dried fish	Sri Lanka	Enrich Tea And Food Exports (Pvt) Ltd	Histamine	2900	mg/kg	HIS 12/2016
16/04/2019	Kelp	Taiwan	Grand Spark Enterprise Co Ltd	Iodine	3800	mg/kg	BSW 12/2016
12/04/2019	Chilled tuna loin	Indonesia	Pt lambeu Mina Utama	Histamine	357	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 on the Australian food supply.

The following table 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.

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

Date of fail	Product description	Country of origin	Producer name	Test applied	Reason for fail	Result/s	Units	Reference
2/04/2019	Worcestershire sauce	South Africa	Heinz Foods South Africa	Composition	Irradiated garlic and onions	Not a permitted treatment for this food		FSC 1.5.3
10/04/2019	Dried plums	China	Shantou Lifa Trading Co., Ltd.	Composition	Additive amaranth (123)	Not permitted in this food		FSC 1.3.1
8/04/2019	Dates	United States	Desert Valleys Dates Inc.	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Hexythiazox	0.87	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2
10/04/2019	Fresh baby corn	Thailand	Siam Fresh Enterprise Co Ltd	E. coli - Fresh vegetables: baby corn, sweet/sugar snap peas, chillies	<i>E. coli</i>	190, 140, 50, <3, <3	mg/kg	Imported Food Control Act section 3(2)(ii)
10/04/2019	Frozen spinach	India	Innovative Cuisine	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Chlorpyrifos	0.28	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2
15/04/2019	Indian flat beans	India	Adf Foods (India)	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Chlorpyrifos	0.04	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2



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11/04/2019	Formulated supplementary food	Sri Lanka	Nestle Sri-Lanka Ltd (Sri Lanka)	Composition	Vitamin B8	Not permitted in this food		FSC 1.3.2
16/04/2019	Indian flat beans	India	Innovative Cuisine	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Cypermethrin Fenvalerate	0.14 0.58	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2
4/04/2019	Formulated supplementary sports food	United States	Macrocap Labs Inc.	Composition	<i>Eria jarensis</i>	- Unapproved novel food		FSC 1.5.1
					<i>Kigelia africana</i>	- Considered to pose a risk to human health		Imported Food Control Act 1992 Section 3(2)(a)(vii)
11/04/2019	Betel nut	India	Minaxi Multi Product (India) Pvt. Ltd	Composition	<i>Areca catechu</i> (Betel nut)	Prohibited plant		FSC 1.4.4
15/04/2019	Bean curd with rice sauce	Taiwan	Xin Peng Lai Foods	Bacillus cereus - tofu, soy bean curd, soy milk curd	<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	4300, 1200, 4000, 5200, 1900	cfu/g	Imported Food Control Act section 3(2)(ii)
15/04/2019	Preserved sweet bean curd	Taiwan	Xin Peng Lai Foods	Bacillus cereus - tofu, soy bean curd, soy milk curd	<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	1600, 3400, 3200, 5200, 1900	cfu/g	Imported Food Control Act section 3(2)(ii)
11/04/2019	Dried red dates	China	Yicheng Dashanhe Modern Agriculture Co Ltd	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Tebuconazole	0.17	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2



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8/04/2019	Indian flat beans	India	Innovative Cuisine	Fruit and vegetable residue screen	Cyhalothrin Cypermethrin	0.26 0.26	mg/kg	FSC 1.4.2