



## Failing Food Report – December 2018

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	Standard
4/12/2018	Butter fish slices	Latvia	Sia "Karavela"	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Detected	/125g	<a href="#">FSH 07/2018</a>
10/12/2018	Desiccated coconut	Vietnam	Dinh Phu My Coconut Co. Ltd	<i>Salmonella</i>	Detected	/250g	<a href="#">DC 05/2014</a>
4/12/2018	Seafood marinara mix	Vietnam	Tin Thinh Co Ltd	<i>E. coli</i>	<2.3, 9.3, <2.3, <2.3, 2.3	MPN/g	<a href="#">MSM 11/2018</a>
11/12/2018	Pistachio halva	Turkey	Merter Helva San Ve Tic As	<i>Salmonella</i>	Detected	/125g	<a href="#">SES 05/2014</a>
11/12/2018	Plain halva	Turkey	Merter Helva San Ve Tic As	<i>Salmonella</i>	Detected	/125g	<a href="#">SES 05/2014</a>



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11/12/2018	Cocoa halva	Turkey	Merter Helva San Ve Tic As	<i>Salmonella</i>	Detected	/125g	<a href="#">SES 05/2014</a>
29/11/2018	Chilli powder	India	Fudkor India Pvt Ltd	<i>Salmonella</i>	Detected	/125g	<a href="#">SPI 07/2018</a>
14/12/2018	Chilli masala	India	Fudkor India Pvt Ltd	<i>Salmonella</i>	Detected	/125g	<a href="#">SPI 07/2018</a>
29/11/2018	Sliced salmon	Denmark	Prime Ocean A/S	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Detected	/125g	<a href="#">FSH 07/2018</a>
11/12/2018	Gialloblu cheese	Italy	La Casara Roncolato Romano Srl	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Detected	/125g	<a href="#">CHE 07/2018</a>
17/12/2018	Gorgonzola cheese	Italy	Ciresa Snc (Italy) I-03/165/Cee (Lecco)	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Detected	/125g	<a href="#">CHE 07/2018</a>
18/12/2018	Smoked salmon	Denmark	Prime Ocean A/S	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Detected	/125g	<a href="#">FSH 07/2018</a>
17/12/2018	Cockles	Indonesia	Pt Sari Nusa Sejati	<i>E. coli</i>	110, 110, >110, 46, >110	MPN/g	<a href="#">MOL 04/2017</a>
20/12/2018	Black pepper	China	Hong Kong Sing Hung Food Co	<i>Salmonella</i>	Detected	/125g	<a href="#">SPI 07/2018</a>



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### **Chemical/Contaminant/Toxin test results**

Date of fail	Product description	Country of origin	Producer name	Reason for fail	Result/s	Units	Standard
19/12/2018	Dried anchovies – head off	Myanmar	Evershine Trading Co Ltd	Histamine	770	mg/kg	<a href="#">HIS 12/2016</a>
24/12/2018	Fresh yellowfin tuna	Maldives	Bigfish Maldives	Histamine	720	mg/kg	<a href="#">HIS 12/2016</a>
24/12/2018	Fresh yellowfin tuna	Maldives	Bigfish Maldives	Histamine	329	mg/kg	<a href="#">HIS 12/2016</a>
24/12/2018	Fresh yellowfin tuna	Maldives	Bigfish Maldives	Histamine	1262	mg/kg	<a href="#">HIS 12/2016</a>



## 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	Reason for fail	Result/s	Units	Standard
3/12/2018	Spinach leaves	India	Vadilal Industries Limited	Chlorpyrifos	0.02	mg/kg	<a href="#">FSC 1.4.2</a>
10/12/2018	Dried apricot	Turkey	Guzel Can Gida Tarim Urunleri Ins. San Ve Tic. Ltd. Sti	Fenvalerate	0.113	mg/kg	<a href="#">FSC 1.4.2</a>
10/12/2018	Chilli tofu	China	Beijing Ershang Wangzhihe Food Co Ltd	<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	250, 1500, 500, 1800, 3100	mg/kg	<a href="#">Imported Food Control Act section 3(2)</a>
11/12/2018	Spinach leaves	India	Vadilal Industries Limited	Profenofos	0.36	mg/kg	<a href="#">FSC 1.4.2</a>
18/12/2018	Curry powder	South Africa	Packo (Verulam South Africa)	Irradiated chilli, and mustard	Irradiated - not a permitted treatment for this food		<a href="#">FSC 1.2.1/1.5.3</a>
28/12/2018	Spinach leaves	India	Vadilal Industries Limited	Chlorpyrifos	0.04	mg/kg	<a href="#">FSC 1.4.2</a>
28/12/2018	Spinach leaves	India	Vadilal Industries Limited	Chlorpyrifos	0.024	mg/kg	<a href="#">FSC 1.4.2</a>



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19/12/2018	Green chillies	India	Innovative Cuisine	Tebuconazole	0.15	mg/kg	<a href="#">FSC 1.4.2</a>
17/12/2018	Betel nut	Myanmar	H-Htet Company Ltd	<i>Areca catechu</i> (Betel nut)	Prohibited plant		<a href="#">FSC 1.4.4</a>
19/12/2018	Frozen dried longan	Thailand	Tanaya International Co Ltd	Carbendazim	0.060	mg/kg	<a href="#">FSC 1.4.2</a>
21/12/2018	Chopped spinach	India	Finns Frozen Foods (India) Limited	Chlorpyrifos	0.28	mg/kg	<a href="#">FSC 1.4.2</a>
24/12/2018	Frozen spinach leaves	India	Vadilal Industries Limited	<i>E. coli</i> Chorpyrifos Profenofos	4, 9, 75, 43, 23 0.085 0.12	MPN/g mg/kg mg/kg	<a href="#">Imported Food Control Act section 3(2)</a>  <a href="#">FSC 1.4.2</a>
20/12/2018	Jute leaves	Philippines	Kaelen Phils Inc	Chlorpyrifos Profenofos	0.089 0.28	mg/kg	<a href="#">FSC 1.4.2</a>
28/12/2018	Frozen tilapia	Taiwan	Gallant Ocean International Inc (7f30013)	Flumequine Oxolinicacid	0.003 0.003	mg/kg	<a href="#">FSC 1.4.2</a>
27/12/2018	Dried plums	China	Shantou Lifa Trading Co., Ltd.	Additive amaranth	Not permitted in this food		<a href="#">FSC 1.3.1</a>
13/12/2018	Tea drink	Indonesia	Pt Ultra Jaya Milk Industry & Trading Co Tbk	Vitamin C	Not permitted in this food		<a href="#">FSC 1.3.2</a>
11/12/2018	Sardines in tomato sauce with chilli	Philippines	Chattrade Enterprises	Colour E161g	Not permitted in this food		<a href="#">FSC 1.3.1</a>
7/12/2018	Pilchards in hot chilli sauce	South Africa	Lucky Star	Irradiated cayenne pepper	Irradiated - not a permitted treatment for this food		<a href="#">FSC 1.2.1/FSC 1.5.3</a>



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18/12/2018	Frozen seasoned albacore	Japan	Ishihara Suisan Co Ltd	Carbon monoxide	0.83	mg/kg	<a href="#">FSC 1.3.3</a>