


Food Recall Guidelines of Chinese Taipei



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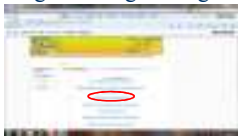

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- <http://food.doh.gov.tw/english/english.asp>


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Scope

- These Guidelines apply to the recall of food, which will or probably will cause hazard to the diet safety of the public or, whose quality does not conform to regulations.




Initiation of Food Recall

- The responsible entity shall proceed with recall where the food:
 - (1) by law shall be recalled for violating hygiene or other applicable regulations; or
 - (2) is of defect that it is deemed necessary for a recall.



Initiation of Food Recall


- Food recall is initiated under the following two circumstances:
 - Where an entity launches the recall on its own initiative as required by law or where it deems recall necessary; and
 - Where the competent health authority orders the entity by law to conduct the recall.




Classes and Levels of Recall

- Recall is divided into the following three classes subject to the degree of harm the food causes to public health:
 - Class 1:

The food is expected to have a probability to cause death or serious harm to public health.







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- Class 2:

The food is expected to have a low probability to cause harm to public health .




Pb:174 ppm



Classes and Levels of Recall


- Class 3:

The food is expected not to cause harm to public health but is not in conformity with the quality regulations (ex. Labeling)



Do not meet the requirement of Health Food Claim (Catechins)

Usually relabel




Classes and Levels of Recall-II

- Recall is divided into the following three levels depending on the extent sales channels are involved in food recall:
 - Consumers:

to the extent of individual consumers

※News release





Classes and Levels of Recall-II

- Retailers:

to the extent of sales premises.
- Wholesalers:

to the extent of importer and wholesaler premises etc. where the food is not directly sold to consumers.



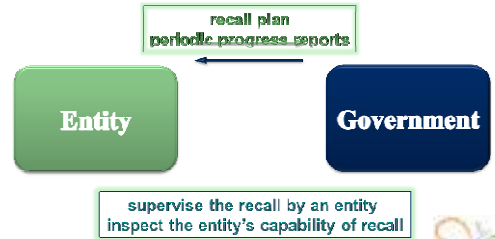


Operation of Recall System

- Class 1 recall, the recall plan of the responsible entity shall specify the recall being extended to the consumer level and such entity shall issue a press release.
- Class 2 or 3 recall, the responsible entity initiating the recall shall propose the level of recall taking into consideration the nature of the potential hazard caused by the food to public health, and report to the local competent health authority prior to finalizing the recall proposal according to the instructions of such authority.



Operation of Recall System



Responsibilities of entity – recall plan

- An entity shall devise a recall plan at least covering, inter alia, the following information:
 - (1) Name, address and telephone number of the responsible entity of the food to be recalled;
 - (2) Reason of the recall and nature of the potential hazard;




Responsibilities of entity – recall plan

- (3) Product name, packaging, form, or special distinguishing features or signs of the food to be recalled;
- (4) Date, lot number, code, or other identifying information and number specified on the food to be recalled;



Responsibilities of entity – recall plan

- (5) Total production volume of the food to be recalled;
- (6) Total volume of the food to be recalled in the sales channel;



Responsibilities of entity – recall plan

食品召回中銷路、7/04/18-6/7/04/18及熟製罐頭產品之產量暨回收統計表

項次	食品名稱	7/04/18			6/7/04/18			7/04/18-6/7/04/18			備註			
		銷路量	產量	回收量	銷路量	產量	回收量	銷路量	產量	回收量				
1.	香腸類	15,363	5,811	4,876	15,711	14,888	17,077	4,458	11,314	695	13,877	315	1-抽樣檢驗發現	
2.	臘肉	17,961	1,895	10,007	15,315	15,722	6,576	6,452	27,651	835	5,872	176	備查記錄	
3.	肉鬆類	17,961	1,895	10,007	15,315	15,722	6,576	6,452	27,651	835	5,872	176	備查記錄	
4.	肉乾類	19,251	1,217	1,895	16,973	15,315	1,959	1,959	1,823	11,877	678	5,896	356	1-抽樣檢驗發現
5.	肉鬆類	14,524	1,418	735	11,465	4,535	1,558	2,092	8,465	874	2,087	895	抽樣檢驗發現	
6.	肉乾類	3,540	261	271	1,862	199	201	1,468	1,272	675	31	49		
7.	肉鬆類	171,217	31,720	13,211	184,313	184,313	11,611	27,393	201,707	16,697	678	15,245	136	
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9.	總計	411,761	141,071	113,113	414,351	402,111	25,852	48,324	473,726	678	17,321	176		

5.Total production volume to be recalled
6.Total volume to be recalled in the sales channel



Responsibilities of entity – recall plan

(7) Distribution record of the food to be recalled;



Responsibilities of entity – recall plan

(8) Recall measures to be adopted, including the level of recall, instruction on stopping the sale of the particular food, and other actions which shall be taken, prescribed time limit for the recall, etc.;



Responsibilities of entity – recall plan

(9) Subsequent safety or destruction measures to be adopted, for instance, sterilization, recondition or correction etc.; and
(10) Warning which shall be issued to consumers, and the contents thereof.



Responsibilities of entity

- An entity shall present its recall plan to the local competent health authority for the file and, where necessary, issue a press release, prior to the recall of food.



Responsibilities of entity – periodic progress reports

- An entity shall submit periodic progress reports to the local competent health authority in the course of food recall, covering at least the following information:
 - Number of downstream entities or individuals being notified, and date and manner of notification;



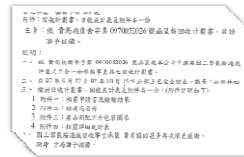
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- (2) Number of entities responding to the notification and quantity of the particular food in their possession;
- (3) Number of companies or individuals not responding to the notification;



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- (4) Quantity of recalled food;
- (5) Number of times and result of investigation;
- (6) Anticipated time limit for completion.



Responsibilities of entity

- An entity shall, upon completion of food recall, report the process and result of the recall in writing to the local competent health authority and, where necessary, to the central competent health authority, for placing the matter on the file for future reference.
- An entity shall properly retain complete documentation on food recall for inspection and verification.



Responsibilities of Government Authority

- The local competent health authority shall supervise the recall by an entity and inspect the entity's capability of recall. The work of such authority shall include the following:
 - (1) inspect the violating food, take action by law, and advise the entity to recall such food;



Responsibilities of Government Authority

- (2) give instruction on the class and level of the recall proposed by the entity, and file the entity's recall plan for future reference;
- (3) request the entity having submitted an incomprehensive recall proposal to make improvement;



Responsibilities of Government Authority

- (4) give instruction on the frequency of reporting the condition of recall, subject to the urgency of the case, and monitor the entity's recall progress;
- (5) supervise the entity in its completion of recall;
- (6) assess the entity's recall report;
- (7) offer follow-up guidance to the entity;



Responsibilities of Government Authority

- (8) conduct periodic inspections to ascertain the extent of recall accomplished; and
- (9) file relevant recall information and issue the necessary press release.



periodic inspections



supervise the completion of recall



Responsibilities of Government Authority

- The central competent health authority shall supervise the local competent health authority in the execution of the above work and, where necessary, may assess the relevant reports submitted by the entity and give instructions.



Challenges

- Responsibility of recall :
ingredients already made in food ?
- Class of recall :
media pressure + public confidence
vs. risk assessment + risk communication



Thank You For Your Attention !!!

