

## China Market Surveillance & Recall Cases of Food Contact Products from July to September 2023

This update provides surveillance results of product quality inspections and recall cases regarding food contact products, which are based on market surveillance results published by local administration of market regulation and notifications released by local defective product administrative centers across China. These non-compliant parameters and risks include technical requirements originated from mandatory and recommended standards.

### 1. Market surveillance results with inspection figures in various regions.

	Category	Region	No. of batches	Non-compliant batches*	Non-compliant rate*	Non-compliant parameters
1	Plastic products, including laminated films and pouches, etc.	Wuxi, Jiangsu	70	Not found	-	-
		Suzhou, Jiangsu	142	1	0.7%	Total solvent residue.
		Jiangyin, Jiangsu	7	Not found	-	-
		Huaian, Jiangsu	15	Not found	-	-
		Xuzhou, Jiangsu	20	Not found	-	-
		Yangquan, Shanxi	10	Not found	-	-
		Xiamen, Fujian	167	3	1.8%	Not disclosed.
		Putian, Fujian	28	Not found	-	-
		Qingyuan, Guangdong	32	Not found	-	-
		Guangzhou, Guangdong	276	Not found	-	-
		Henan	238	2	0.8%	Specific migration of melamine and formaldehyde.
		Hebei	483	7	1.4%	Peeling strength, acetaldehyde content, total solvent residue.
		Qingdao, Shandong	190	Not found	-	-
		Shandong	150	Not found	-	-
		Ningbo, Zhejiang	40	13	32.5%	labelling (resin name, labelling content), carbon dioxide transmission, oxygen transmission, moisture transmission, dropping test, pollutant resistance.
		Zhoushan, Zhejiang	20	Not found	-	-
		Dandong, Liaoning	14	Not found	-	-
		Liaoning	65	1	1.5%	Compressive strength.
		Shanghai	40	Not found	-	-
		Jingmen, Hubei	8	Not found	-	-
		Hubei	50	Not found	-	-
		Tianjing	151	Not found	-	-
Hohhot, Inner Mongolia	24	7	29.2%	labelling, pollutant resistance.		
Ulanqab, Inner Mongolia	16	Not found	-	-		
Guilin, Guangxi	7	Not found	-	-		
Sichuan	100	Not found	-	-		
2	Paper and paper board products	Guangzhou, Guangdong	37	Not found	-	-
		Suzhou, Jiangsu	28	Not found	-	-
		Xuzhou, Jiangsu	1	Not found	-	-
		Huaian, Jiangsu	5	Not found	-	-
		Henan	96	1	1.0%	Capacity deviation, cup stiffness.
		Hebei	49	1	2.0%	Sensory.
		Qingdao, Shandong	18	Not found	-	-
		Shandong	63	Not found	-	-
		Ningbo, Zhejiang	10	4	40.0%	Dropping test.
		Putian, Fujian	2	Not found	-	-
		Liaoning	10	Not found	-	-
		Tianjing	91	2	2.2%	Leakage, fluorescent substances.
		Hohhot, Inner Mongolia	5	2	40.0%	Cup stiffness, labelling.
		Jingmen, Hubei	7	Not found	-	-
		Guilin, Guangxi	4	Not found	-	-

	Category	Region	No. of batches	Non-compliant batches*	Non-compliant rate*	Non-compliant parameters
3	Wood and bamboo products	Shandong	22	Not found	-	-
		Tianjing	20	Not found	-	-
4	Metallic products	Qingyuan, Guangdong	2	Not found	-	-
		Guangzhou, Guangdong	4	Not found	-	-
		Shandong	36	Not found	-	-
		Henan	30	Not found	-	-
		Hebei	17	Not found	-	-
		Ningbo, Zhejiang	9	1	11.1%	Chemical composition of stainless steel (exterior shell and interior materials).
		Tianjing	15	Not found	-	-
		Sichuan	36	17	47.2%	Labelling, chemical composition.
5	Ceramic ware	Yangquan, Shanxi	6	Not found	-	-
		Guangzhou, Guangdong	3	Not found	-	-
		Henan	40	1	2.5%	Water absorption.
		Hebei	24	Not found	-	-
		Ningbo, Zhejiang	1	Not found	-	-
6	Glass ware	Qingyuan, Guangdong	1	Not found	-	-
		Guangzhou, Guangdong	1	Not found	-	-
		Henan	20	Not found	-	-
7	Feeding teats	Ningbo, Zhejiang	2	Not found	-	-
		Tianjing	15	Not found	-	-
8	Feeding bottles	Guangzhou, Guangdong	41	Not found	-	-
		Henan	10	Not found	-	-
		Ningbo, Zhejiang	8	5	62.5%	labelling (bottle), volatile matter and labelling (teat).
		Shandong	16	Not found	-	-

\* No figure shown under non-compliant batches and non-compliant rate means the whole inspection batch is in compliance.

## 2. Summary of recall cases in various regions.

	Product	Region	Defects	Risks
1	800 mL and 1000 mL bowls	Shanxi	The surface is uneven and having irregular stains that may cause microbial growth.	May cause harm to human health.
2	Food boxes	Shanxi	The surface is uneven and having irregular stains that may cause microbial growth. The evaporation residue of product is high that likely to have migration of substances.	May cause harm to human health.
3	Starch based food boxes	Shanxi	The surface is uneven and having irregular stains that may cause microbial growth.	May cause harm to human health.
4	Spoons, bowls, plates, cups	Shanxi	SML(T) of formaldehyde, SML of melamine does not meet requirements within GB 4806.7-2016.	Causing safety risks.
5	Disposable plastic food boxes	Shanxi	The surface has irregular stains that may cause microbial growth.	May cause harm to human health.
6	1000ml square disposable plastic, food boxes	Shanxi	The surface has irregular stains that may cause microbial growth.	May cause harm to human health.
7	Medium size glass plates	Shanxi	Quality certificate and instruction manual of the product have not provided warning statement, such as operation environment, tolerant temperature, whether or not heat resistant glassware or microwave safe.	Consumer can not appropriately handle the products that may cause injury and loss of property
8	Bowls	Shanxi	Products have high water absorption rate, which can lead to uneven heating of glaze layer and breakage when used in microwave oven. Additionally, the product can absorb liquid during washing that lead to microbial growth.	May cause harm to human health.

	Product	Region	Defects	Risks
9	127 mm decorated bowls and 203 mm decorated plates	Shanxi	Products have high water absorption rate, which can lead to uneven heating of glaze layer and breakage when used in microwave oven. Additionally, the product can absorb liquid during washing that lead to microbial growth.	May cause harm to human health.
10	1000 mL square food boxes	Shanxi	The surface is uneven that may cause microbial growth.	May cause harm to human health.
11	36 pcs tableware set	Shanxi	The package wrongly labelled with symbol that can be used in microwave oven, actually the product is not safe in microwave oven, it easy to crack or producing sparks and electrical arcs when used in microwave.	Causing certain safety risks.
12	6 inch pumpkin bowls and 6 inch pumpkin plates	Shanxi	Products have high water absorption rate, which can lead to uneven heating of glaze layer and breakage when used in microwave oven. Additionally, the product can absorb liquid during washing that lead to microbial growth.	May cause harm to human health.
13	Disposable chopsticks	Anhui	The food contact end has burrs within top 6cm, may hurt consumers finger, mouth, and the burrs can be ingested with food if dropped off.	Causing certain safety risks.
14	Disposable chopsticks	Anhui	The food contact end has burrs and breakage within top 6cm, may hurt consumers finger, mouth, and the burrs can be ingested with food if dropped off.	Causing certain safety risks.
15	Cups	Anhui	Loading property is poor.	May cause burn that posing safe risks.
16	Plastic cups	Anhui	Loading property is poor.	May cause burn that posing safe risks.
17	Double layered glass cups	Anhui	Sealing property between cup body and lid is poor, the product can leak.	May cause burn that posing safe risks.
18	Plates	Henan	The product may migrate melamine into food when used under high temperature (100°C)	Causing safety risks.

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