

Appendix Table. Outbreaks of illness that implicated internationally distributed foods and assessment of questions on the IHR (2005) decision instrument, Australia, 2001–2007\*

Outbreak no.	Year	Outbreak description	Implicated food	Public health impact serious?†	Event unusual or unexpected for Australia?	Significant risk for international spread?	Significant risk for international travel or trade restrictions?	Should this be reported to IHR?
1	2001	23 cases of <i>Salmonella</i> Typhimurium definitive type 104	Helva from Turkey	No, small outbreak of moderate severity	Yes, food-borne transmission of this multidrug-resistant <i>Salmonella</i> strain rare	Yes, food distributed globally; multiple European countries reporting cases	No, increased testing of imported sesame seed products only	Yes
2	2001	55 cases of <i>S. Stanley</i> and <i>S. Newport</i>	Dried peanuts from China	No, moderate outbreak of mild illness	No, <i>Salmonella</i> serotypes common	Yes, food distributed globally; cases reported in UK and Canada	No, novel food product	No
3	2002	55 cases of <i>S. Montevideo</i> and <i>S. Tennessee</i>	Tahini from Egypt	No, moderate outbreak of mild illness	No, <i>Salmonella</i> serotypes common	Yes, food distributed globally; cases reported in New Zealand and contaminated product in Canada and UK	No, increased testing of imported sesame seed products only	No
4	2002	230 cases of suspected norovirus infection	IQF oysters from Japan	No, large outbreak of mild illness	No, suspected viral illness common	No, food vehicle poorly characterized	No, limited information for decision	No
5	2003	3 cases of <i>S. Montevideo</i>	Tahini from Lebanon	No, small outbreak of mild illness	No, <i>Salmonella</i> serotypes common	Yes, food distributed globally; see outbreak 3	No, increased testing of imported sesame seed products only	No
6	2003	17 cases of suspected norovirus	IQF oysters from Japan	No, small outbreak of mild illness	No, suspected viral illness common	No, food vehicle poorly characterized	No, limited information for decision	No
7	2003	35 cases of norovirus infection	IQF oysters from Japan	No, small outbreak of mild illness	No, norovirus outbreaks common	Yes, virus detected in imported oysters	Yes, Australia restricted imports	Yes
8	2003	48 cases of norovirus infection; related to outbreak 7	IQF oysters from Japan	No, moderate outbreak of mild illness	No, norovirus outbreaks common	Yes, virus detected in imported oysters	Yes, Australia restricted imports	Yes
9	2004	5 cases of suspected norovirus infection	IQF oysters from Japan	No, small outbreak of mild illness	No, suspected viral illness common	No, food vehicle poorly characterized	No, limited information for decision	No
10	2004	3 cases of norovirus infection; related to outbreak 7	IQF oysters from Japan	No, small outbreak of mild illness	No, norovirus outbreaks common	Yes, virus detected in imported oysters	Yes, Australia restricted imports	Yes
11	2005	5 cases of ciguatera poisoning in a family	Snapper from Fiji	No, small outbreak of; moderate severity	No, ciguatera common	No, domestic importation of fish only	No	No
12	2006	5 cases of methemoglobinemia in 2 families	Sodium nitrite powder from China	No, small outbreak; moderate severity	Yes, nitrite poisoning rare	Unknown	No	No
13	2006	3 cases of <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> infection	White bait from	No, small outbreak of	Yes, foodborne cholera rare	Yes, fish imported commercially	Yes, countries may have put in place trade	Yes

14	2007	55 cases of <i>Shigella sonnei</i> biotype G infection, with related cases in Denmark	Indonesia Baby corn from Thailand	moderate severity No, moderate outbreak of moderate severity	Yes, food-borne transmission of multidrug-resistant shigellosis rare	Yes, food distributed to several countries with other countries reporting cases	restrictions Yes, countries may have put in place trade restrictions	Yes
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\*IHR, International Health Regulations; UK, United Kingdom; IQF, individually quick frozen.

†Although these outbreaks were not considered to have a serious public health impact, the causative agents may cause a serious public health impact in different situations (i.e., response capabilities, population at risk, virulence).