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# Allergen Testing – Special Interest Group

## Recent Allergen Incidents

Update

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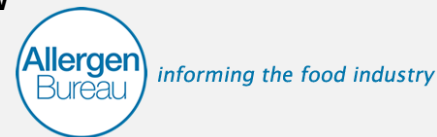
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### Agenda

- Australia
  - AAA, FSANZ & Food Authority NSW
- USA
  - FDA & FARE
- UK
  - Allergy UK
- One example
- Current affairs
- References



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### Latest News - Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA)

- [Change in law in Victoria to improve safety of people with food allergy - 1 Nov 2018](#)
- [Foods that are labelled “FREE-FROM” an allergen - 9 October 2018](#)
- [Notice of correction - Woolworths Fresh Magazine recipe - 5 October 2018](#)
- [National Allergy Strategy Progress 13 September 2018](#)
- [EpiPen® availability update - 13 September 2018](#)
- [SA Health support planning information on allergy and anaphylaxis - 12 September 2018](#)
- [Nip Allergies in the Bub launch - 27 August 2018](#)
- [Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia statement on Boost Juice and peanut promotion - 23 August 2018](#)
- [Implementing the National Allergy Strategy: From paper to practice - 16 August 2018](#)

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### FSANZ – Recalls for October & November 2018 - Allergens

- Motichoor Ladoo 500g - Keshav Sweets
- Great Southern Truffle Aioli Mayonnaise
- Gourmet Shreds Vegan Dairy Free Cheeses
- John's Rice Noodles Banh Pho
- Formulite Lupin Soups



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### USA – November Recalls

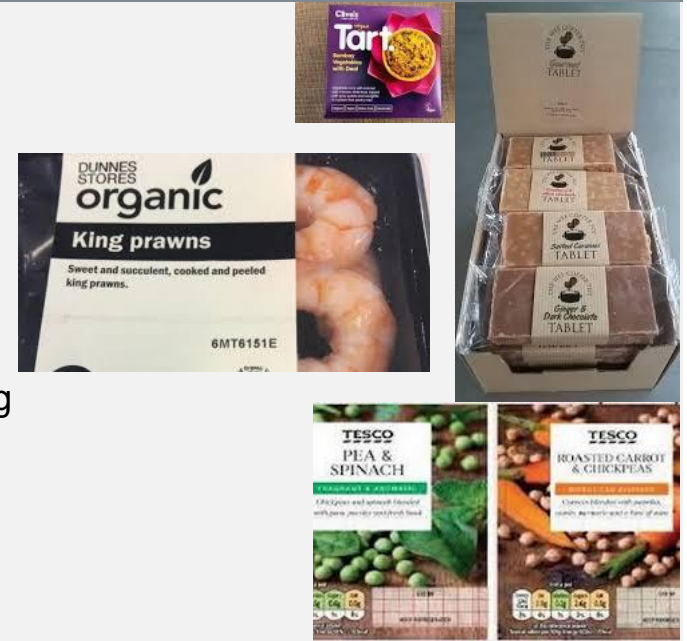
- [NuVue Foods Recalls Burrito Products due to Misbranding and an Undeclared Allergen](#)
- [Baked Potatoes with Cheddar Cheese and Bacon \(2 Count\) Mis-Labeled as Herb Roasted Potatoes](#)
- [Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk in Wegmans Pumpkin Loaf, 11 oz., and Wegmans Placek Coffee Cake, 11 oz. and 22 oz.](#)
- [Frito-Lay Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk In Select Smartfood Delight Sea Salt Flavored Popcorn](#)
- [Nor Cal Food Solutions, LLC ISSUES ALLERGY ALERT ON UNDECLARED Tree Nut – Walnut in The Purveyors Kitchen - Pumpkin Pesto Tapenade](#)
- [Recall of Bittersweet & Feve Chocolate Bars Due to High Levels of Milk Allergens](#)
- [Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk in Wegmans Pumpkin Loaf, 11 oz., and Wegmans Placek Coffee Cake, 11 oz. and 22 oz.](#)
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### UK Recalls – November 2018

- Bombay Vegetables with Daal Tarts 190g
- Gardeners Scottish Macaroon
- Sensations Thai Sweet Chilli Flavour Potato Crisps 40g & 73g
- The Wee Copper Pot Traditional Macaroon 120g bar
- SlimFast Various Products
- Smoked Haddock and Salmon Chowder 400g
- Monarch Various Products
- Waitrose Aromatic Green & White Chickpea and Bean Salad 180g
- Spartan Protein Various Products
- Organic King Prawns 90g
- Tesco Pea and Spinach Dip & Roasted Carrot and Chickpea Dip



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## Specific Incident - Pret a Manger - **Sesame**

### What happened

- Pre-packaged food purchased before flight from UK to France
- Undeclared sesame
- Severe allergic reaction
- Flight continues
- Later death

### Impacts

- UK Coroner
  - Poor & inconsistent point of sale labelling
  - Changes requested to labelling
- USA Change in allergen list
  - Sesame
  - Labelling

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World affairs with potential impact on allergen management

- UK & Brexit
  - Impact on regulation (in the UK and the EU)
  - Impact on trade
  - Impact on funding of UK based research
- China & India
  - Reaction to USA trade policy
  - Improvements in standard of living
- Codex (International Standards)
- USA trade policy





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## Other changes

- Medical Research
  - Vitamins & other factors
  - Murdoch Children's Research
    - Combining a gradual introduction of peanuts with probiotics
- Risk management
  - Refinement of risk models
  - Further research
    - E.g. Exercise, medication
    - Dose size
- Technology
  - Kits (specific matrix)
  - Instrument (continuing development; methods & instruments)



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Reference web sites used in gathering information

- <http://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au>
- <http://allergenbureau.net>
- <https://allergyfacts.org.au>
- <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>
- <https://www.allergyuk.org/information-and-advice/statistics>
- <https://www.foodallergy.org>
- <https://www.fda.gov/default.htm>
- <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/industry/foodrecalls/recalls/Pages/default.aspx>
- <https://www.mcri.edu.au/about>

# Thank you for your attention!

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