

China Market Surveillance & Recall Cases of Food Contact Products from April to June 2022

This update provides surveillance results of product quality inspection and recall cases regarding food contact products, which are based on market surveillance results published by local Administration for market regulation and notifications released by local Defective product administrative centre across China, including Zhejiang, Shandong, Guangdong, etc. Notably, labelling and declaration of conformity are stipulated under mandatory standards GB 4806.1-2016. Local authorities started to inspect them from recent years, and higher non-compliant rate was found in this particular area. The single-use products made up largest portion of recall cases, and few products with chemical related hazards and labelling defects were also identified.

1. Market surveillance results with inspection figures in various regions of China.

	Category	Region	No. of batches	Non-compliant batch(es)	Non-compliant rate	Non-compliant parameter(s)
1	Plastic products, including laminated films and pouches, etc.	Zhejiang	82	14	17%	Fracture upon tensile strength, labelling.
		Jinhua , Zhejiang	111	15	14%	Labelling, declaration of conformity, SML(T) of formaldehyde
		Shandong	217	Not found	-	-
		Taian , Shandong	30	2	7%	Capacity deviation, water vapor transmission.
		Qingdao , Shandong	20	Not found	-	-
		Weihai , Shandong	10	Not found	-	-
		Guangdong	440	Not found	-	-
		Guangzhou , Guangdong	247	Not found	-	-
		Wuxi , Jiangsu	60	Not found	-	-
		Shanxi	20	Not found	-	-
		Guizhou	299	Not found	-	-
		Zhengzhou , Henan	89	4	4%	Leakage, overall migration.
2	Disposable tableware (biodegradable materials)	Guangdong	3	Not found	-	-
3	Food contact coating products	Guangdong	16	Not found	-	-
		Guangzhou , Guangdong	1	Not found	-	-
4	Rubber products	Guangdong	6	Not found	-	-
		Guangzhou , Guangdong	9	Not found	-	-
5	Pressure Cooker	Guangdong	23	Not found	-	-
		Jinhua , Zhejiang	9	Not found	-	-
		Guangdong	10	Not found	-	-
6	Paper and paper board products	Guangzhou , Guangdong	45	1	2%	Lead content, fluorescent substances.
		Wuxi , Jiangsu	19	Not found	-	-
		Guizhou	28	4	14%	Sensory, loading strength, leakage.
		Shandong	45	Not found	-	-
		Weihai , Shandong	6	Not found	-	-
		Zhejiang	20	2	10%	Capacity deviation, loading strength, labelling.
		Jinhua , Zhejiang	33	3	9%	Sensory, capacity deviation.
		Jiangxi	118	4	3%	Sensory, capacity deviation, cup body stiffness, loading strength.
		Guangdong	31	26	84%	Labelling, declaration of conformity.
7	Metallic products	Guangzhou , Guangdong	11	Not found	-	-
		Weihai , Shandong	6	Not found	-	-
		Zhejiang	18	Not found	-	-
		Jinhua , Zhejiang	21	1	5%	Labelling, instruction manual.
		Guangdong	10	8	80%	Labelling, declaration of conformity.
8	Ceramic ware	Jinhua , Zhejiang	35	Not found	-	-
		Jiangxi	160	Not found	-	-
		Guangzhou , Guangdong	6	Not found	-	-
9	Glass ware	Weihai , Shandong	3	Not found	-	-
		Guangdong	25	Not found	-	-
10	Wood and bamboo products	Guangzhou , Guangdong	4	Not found	-	-
		Guangdong	3	Not found	-	-
		Weihai , Shandong	3	Not found	-	-

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11	Feeding teats	Guangdong	20	Not found	-	-
		Guangzhou , Guangdong	18	Not found	-	-
		Jinhua , Zhejiang	19	1	5%	Labelling, volatile substances (weight percentage).
12	Feeding bottles	Guangdong	22	Not found	-	-
		Guangzhou , Guangdong	32	Not found	-	-
		Fujian	1	Not found	-	-
		Weihai , Shandong	4	Not found	-	-

2. Summary of recall cases in various regions.

	Product	Region	Defects	Risks
1	Airline crystal table wares (plastic)	Jiangxi	Excess amount of colourants been added during manufacturing.	The colourants migrated into food can be intake by consumer together with food, and will cause health and safety risks.
2	Wine glasses and drinking glasses	Shanxi	Hydrolytic resistance of glass grains is poor.	Increasing amount of sodium, calcium, magnesium, silicate ions dissolved into water will cause health and safety risks.
3	Espresso coffee pot	Shanghai	Swelling and breakaway can occur when using the product, the base part and pot will detach.	The product breakage can cause burns and other safety risks.
4	Plastic cups	Hubei	Loading property is poor.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
5	Drinking cups	Hubei	Loading property is poor.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
6	Airline drinking cups, new airline cups	Hubei	Loading property is poor.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
7	Plastic cups	Hubei	Loading property is poor.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
8	Airline drinking cups	Hubei	Loading property is poor.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
9	Airline drinking cups	Hubei	Loading property is poor.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
10	650mL Paper bowls	Guangxi	Low grammage of paper was used, may cause food leakage and dropping.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
11	230mL Paper cups	Guangxi	Low grammage of paper was used, product can deform obviously when received certain loading.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
12	180mL Disposable plastic cups	Guangxi	Product can deform or even collapse when holding certain amount of liquid.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
13	Melamine plates	Anhui	Non-compliant raw materials was used, fluorescent substances been detected in the plates.	The fluorescent substances migrated into food can be intake by consumer together with food, and will cause health and safety risks.
14	245mL Disposable paper cups	Anhui	Product labelling does not comply with GB 4806.1-2016.	The labelling cannot reflect product feature completely, so that consumer may misuse the products and may cause unforeseeable safety risks.
15	200mL PP airline drinking cups	Anhui	Loading property is poor.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
16	320mL Disposable paper cups	Anhui	Product has printing pattern within 10mm from the bottom.	Consumer may intake the printing ink especially benzene containing printing ink taken into body which would cause health and safety risks.
17	190mL Thickened octagonal cups	Anhui	Loading property is poor.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
18	250mL Cups	Anhui	Loading property is poor.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
19	Disposable bamboo chopsticks	Anhui	Product has burr within 6cm of the food contact end.	The burr may cause harm to consumer's hands, mouth, etc. Consumer may intake debris into body can cause health and safety risks.
20	460mL laminated paper cups	Anhui	Knurling temperature did not meet requirements, the stability of product bottom is low and leakage can occur.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
21	Drinking Glasses	Anhui	Hydrolytic resistance of glass grains is poor.	Increasing amount of sodium, calcium, magnesium, silicate ions dissolved into water would cause health and safety risks.
22	Airline drinking cups	Hunan	Loading property is poor.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
23	Disposable plastic cups	Hunan	Loading property is poor.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
24	Paper cups	Hunan	Product has printing pattern at the top rim.	Consumer may intake the heavy metal containing printing ink into body which would cause health and safety risks.
25	220mL Disposable airline drinking cups	Hunan	Loading property is poor.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.

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26	780mL Disposable paper bowls	Xinjiang	Product can deform or even collapse when holding certain amount of liquid.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.
27	220mL Disposable plastic cups	Xinjiang	Product can deform or even collapse when holding certain amount of liquid.	May cause burns that causing safety risks.

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