Guidance for the aquaculture industry in the event of a chemical detection in a food product

A decision tree to guide the aquaculture industry to respond to an event of a chemical detection in a food product and an outline of the steps involved in conducting a safety assessment.

Detection

Regulator – Queensland Health

Accept and review

Presence

Maximum residue limit in Food Standards Code?

Yes

Test level

Below

No further action

Above

Safety Assessment

No

Recall decision

Yes

Trade level

Communication with producer/ importer/distributor

No

Consumer level

Other contaminants – chemicals (voluntary notification to Queensland Health or other regulatory agency) – resample & reanalysis by Queensland Health if required (a decision made by the Principal Environmental Health Officer, Food Safety Policy and Regulation)

Industry and other

Prescribed contaminants (required to notify Queensland Health – s270(2) Food Act 2006)

No

Test level

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Safety Assessment – Consumption, toxicity, level of detection

Unknown

FSANZ safety assessment

Health and Safety issues

Within Australia

State/ Territory decision for recall

Yes

Trade level

Consumer level

No

Communication with producer, importer, distributor

Known

FSANZ decision

Problem

Export/ Import

1. FSANZ advise AQIS
2. Review risk list
3. Review import/export orders
4. Advise jurisdictions

No problem

No further action

Communication with producer, importer, distributor

Yes

AQIS/ DAFF

Implement

FSANZ = Food Standards Australia New Zealand
AQIS = Australian Quarantine Inspection Service
DAFF = Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Contact details

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