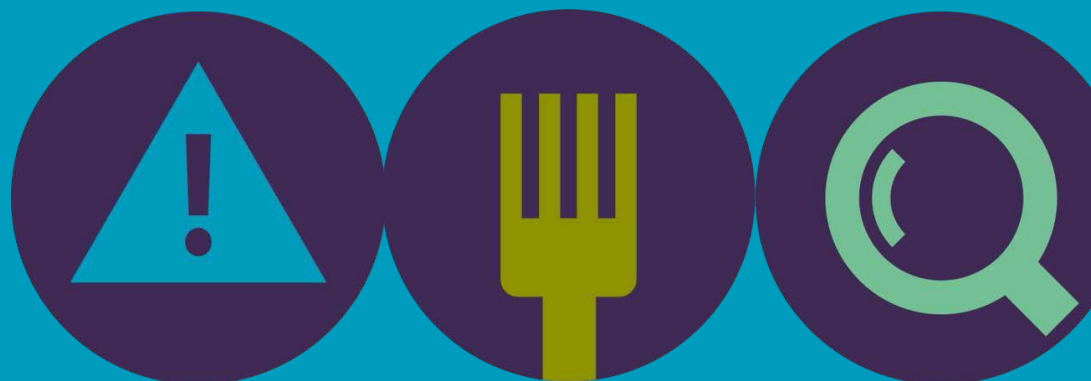




SFCIU

Quarterly Incident Figures

October - December 2019



About The Scottish Food Crime and Incidents Unit (SFCIU)

The Scottish Food Crime and Incidents Unit (SFCIU) is the incident management, investigations and intelligence gathering arm of Food Standards Scotland (FSS). It focuses on tackling food crime and maintaining consumer protection through the management of food incidents.

Food incidents are defined as any event where, based on the information available, there are concerns about actual or suspected threats to the safety, quality or integrity of food / feed or fraud that could require intervention to protect consumers' interests.

All incidents recorded by the SFCIU Incidents Team are reviewed, assessed and classified to determine the appropriate response for the incident. The below table details the levels of response:

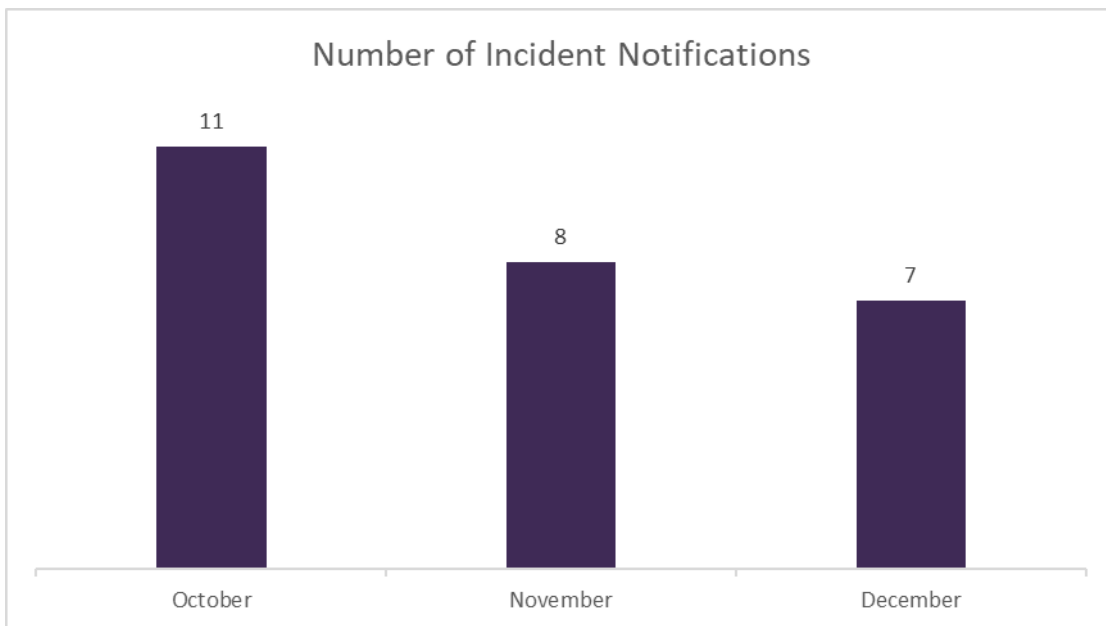
Level	Response
Level 1	A routine incident that can be managed using standard operating procedures and does not require direct senior leadership involvement.
Level 2	A serious situation that requires a formalised and coordinated operational response.
Level 3	A severe incident that requires strategic decisions and direction due to adverse scale and severity. A crisis situation due to its abnormality of threat to FSS' reputation or license to operate.
Level 4	A major incident of such significance that it requires central Government to coordinate the response due to its threat to the public.

Incidents Recorded

From October – December 2019 SFCIU Incidents Team recorded 26 incidents (figure 1).

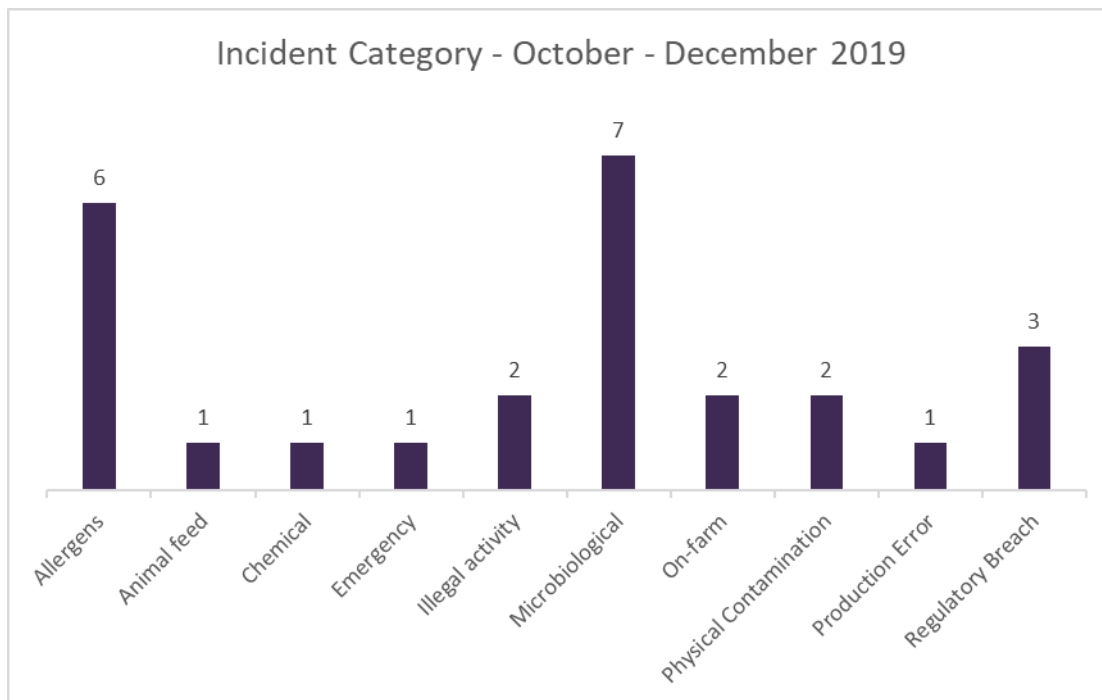
Of the 26 incidents recorded, 24 were classified as Level 1 – Routine Incident, 1 was classified as Level 2 – Serious Situation and 1 was classified as a Level 3 – Severe Incident.

Figure 1: Number of incidents recorded in Q3 (2019 / 2020) by month



Of the 26 incidents recorded between October and December 2019, the graph below details the incident categories (figure 2):

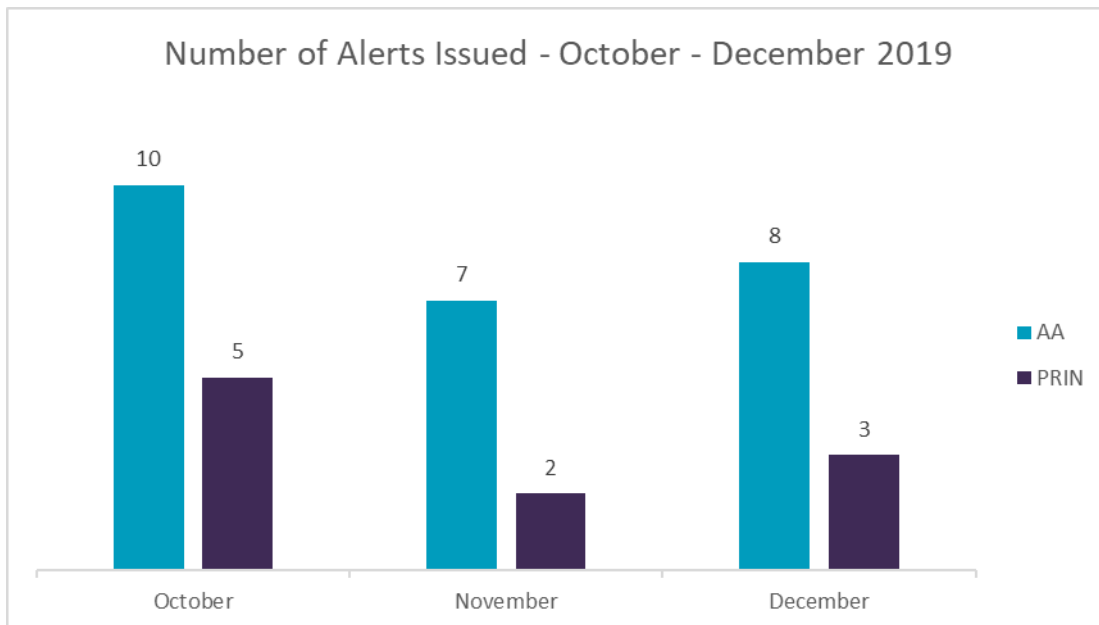
Figure 2: Number of incidents recorded in Q3 (2019 / 2020) by incident category



Alerts Issued

From October – December 2019, FSS issued 25 Allergy Alerts (AA) and 10 Product Recall Information Notices (PRIN's) (figure 3).

Figure 3: Number of alerts recorded in Q3 (2019 / 2020) by alert type and month



Further information in relation to issued Allergy Alerts and Product Recall Information Notices can be found in Annex A and Annex B respectively.

Annex A - Allergy Alerts Issued

List of Allergy Alerts (AA) Issued October to December 2019

Date	FSS Reference	Description of Incident	Action Taken	Risk to Consumers	Link to Notice
11/10/2019	FSS-AA-60-2019	Undeclared milk - Cesare Fiorucci SpA two salami products ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-82-2019
11/10/2019	FSS-AA-61-2019	Allergens not declared in English - Lidl GB Alpenfest Pretzel Ice Cream ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-83-2019
18/10/2019	FSS-AA-62-2019	Undeclared cashew nuts - Tesco Takeaway Hot Indian Meal For 2 ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-85-2019
23/10/2019	FSS-AA-63-2019	Allergen labelling not in English - LIDL GB J.D. GROSS Mozart Kugeln ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-86-2019
24/10/2019	FSS-AA-64-2019	Undeclared barley (gluten) - Co-op Bakery Short Crust Mince Pie 4s ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-87-2019
25/10/2019	FSS-AA-65-2019	Undeclared egg - TJX Europe (TK Maxx and Homesense) LITALY Wafer Roll ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-88-2019
25/10/2019	FSS-AA-66-2019	Undeclared mustard - McCormick France products from its STUBB'S range ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-89-2019
25/10/2019	FSS-AA-67-2019	Incorrect allergen labelling - Spartan Protein various products	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/news-and-alerts/spartan-protein-recalls-various-products-because-of-incorrect-allergen-labe

List of Allergy Alerts (AA) Issued October to December 2019

Date	FSS Reference	Description of Incident	Action Taken	Risk to Consumers	Link to Notice
25/10/2019	FSS-AA-68-2019	Undeclared peanuts - Lidl GB Baresa Green Pesto Alla Genovese ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-90-2019
29/10/2019	FSS-AA-69-2019	Undeclared allergens - Costa Coffee Millionaire Mallow Bites ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-92-2019
08/11/2019	FSS-AA-70-2019	Undeclared pistachio - Harvey Nichols Dark Chocolate Gingers ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-93-2019
12/11/2019	FSS-AA-71-2019	Undeclared almonds - Mondelez UK Cadbury Dairy Milk Little Robins ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-95-2019
15/11/2019	FSS-AA-72-2019	Undeclared wheat - Welsh Cottage Cakes Spelt and Fruit Cake ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-96-2019
20/11/2019	FSS-AA-73-2019	Undeclared allergens - Waitrose Carrot & Coriander Soup ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-97-2019
23/11/2019	FSS-AA-74-2019	Undeclared wheat - Sainsbury's Tomato & Basil Soup ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-98-2019
25/11/2019	FSS-AA-75-2019	Undeclared egg - Sainsbury's Hot Buffalo Dip ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-100-2019

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Date	FSS Reference	Description of Incident	Action Taken	Risk to Consumers	Link to Notice
27/11/2019	FSS-AA-76-2019	Inaccurate allergen labelling - TJ Morris Oxfordshire Tea Co. Butter Shortbread ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fssa-aa-101-2019
03/12/2019	FSS-AA-77-2019	Undeclared milk - Asda Meatball Marinara meal ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fssa-aa-102-2019
06/12/2019	FSS-AA-78-2019	Undeclared celery and mustard - Unilever Pot Noodle Beef & Tomato ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fssa-aa-103-2019
06/12/2019	FSS-AA-79-2019	Undeclared mustard - Oumph! 'The Chunk' ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fssa-aa-104-2019
11/12/2019	FSS-AA-80-2019	Undeclared fish oil - Hipp UK Hipp Organic Combiotic First Infant Milk Starter Pack ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fssa-aa-105-2019
12/12/2019	FSS-AA-81-2019	Undeclared allergens - Sainsbury's 18 Mini Egg Bites ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fssa-aa-106-2019
13/12/2019	FSS-AA-82-2019	Missing product label - John Lewis Lazzaroni Italian Collection Christmas Gift Bag ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fssa-aa-107-2019
14/12/2019	FSS-AA-83-2019	Undeclared egg - Sainsbury's Vegan Deli-Style Coleslaw and Vegan Potato Salad ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fssa-aa-108-2019

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Date	FSS Reference	Description of Incident	Action Taken	Risk to Consumers	Link to Notice
20/12/2019	FSS-AA-84-2019	Undeclared peanuts - Sacla' various pesto products ¹	Recalled	Possible adverse effect to allergy sufferers	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-109-2019

¹ National Distribution (FSA Led)

Annex B – Products Recall Information Notices Issued

List of Product Recall Information Notices (PRIN) Issued October to December 2019

Date	FSS Reference	Description of Incident	Action Taken	Risk to Consumers	Link to Notice
11/10/2019	FSS-PRIN-32-2019	Pasco Foods several varieties of cooking sauces - lack of microbiological controls ²	Recalled	Microbiological risk – presence of harmful bacteria	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-prin-45-2019
15/10/2019	FSS-PRIN-33-2019	Birds Eye certain batch codes of 50 Chicken Nuggets - may contain small pieces of plastic ²	Recalled	Physical contamination - presence of pieces of plastic	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-prin-46-2019
19/10/2019	FSS-PRIN-34-2019	Bernard Matthews 9 Turkey Dinosaurs - may contain small pieces of metal ²	Recalled	Physical contamination - presence of pieces of metal	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-prin-47-2019
29/10/2019	FSS-PRIN-35-2019	Zorba Delicacies Limited various houmous products – possible contamination with salmonella ²	Recalled	Microbiological risk – presence of harmful bacteria	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-prin-48-2019
31/10/2019	FSS-PRIN-35-2019 (Update 1)	Zorba Delicacies Limited various houmous products - possible contamination with salmonella ²	Recalled	Microbiological risk – presence of harmful bacteria	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-prin-48-2019-update-1
03/11/2019	FSS-PRIN-35-2019 (Update 2)	Zorba Delicacies Limited various houmous products - possible contamination with salmonella ²	Recalled	Microbiological risk – presence of harmful bacteria	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-prin-48-2019-update-2
12/11/2019	FSS-PRIN-36-2019	Pots & Co variety of desserts - may contain pieces of glass ²	Recalled	Physical contamination - presence of pieces of glass	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-prin-49-2019
14/12/2019	FSS-PRIN-37-2019	Yaadgaar Rasmalai - contamination with Listeria monocytogenes ²	Recalled	Microbiological risk – presence of harmful bacteria	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-prin-51-2019

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Date	FSS Reference	Description of Incident	Action Taken	Risk to Consumers	Link to Notice
18/12/2019	FSS-PRIN-38-2019	Heinz and Tesco all 7+ months Heinz By Nature baby food range – presence of metal fragments ²	Recalled	Physical contamination - presence of pieces of metal	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-prin-52-2019
24/12/2019	FSS-PRIN-39-2019	THIS UK two THIS Isn't Chicken plant-based products - incorrect date labelling ²	Recalled	Potentially unsafe to consume	https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-prin-53-2019

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