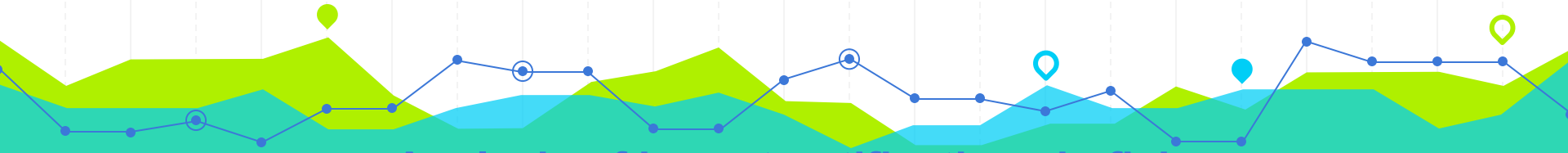

Analysis of import notifications in fishery and aquaculture products in Australia, the European Union, Japan and the United States of America

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Our work

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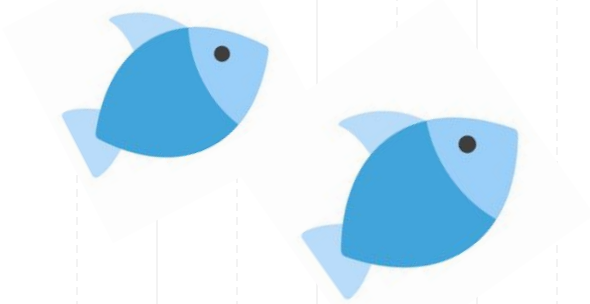
The analysis is conducted only for fisheries and aquaculture products



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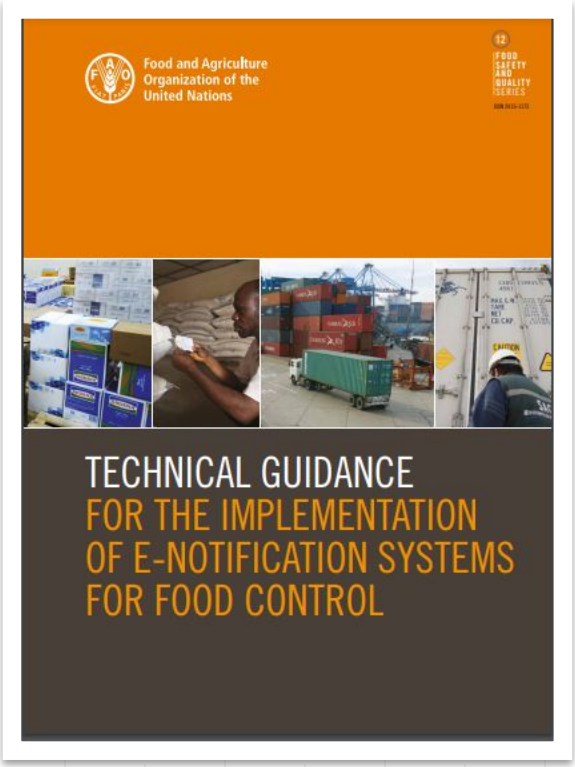
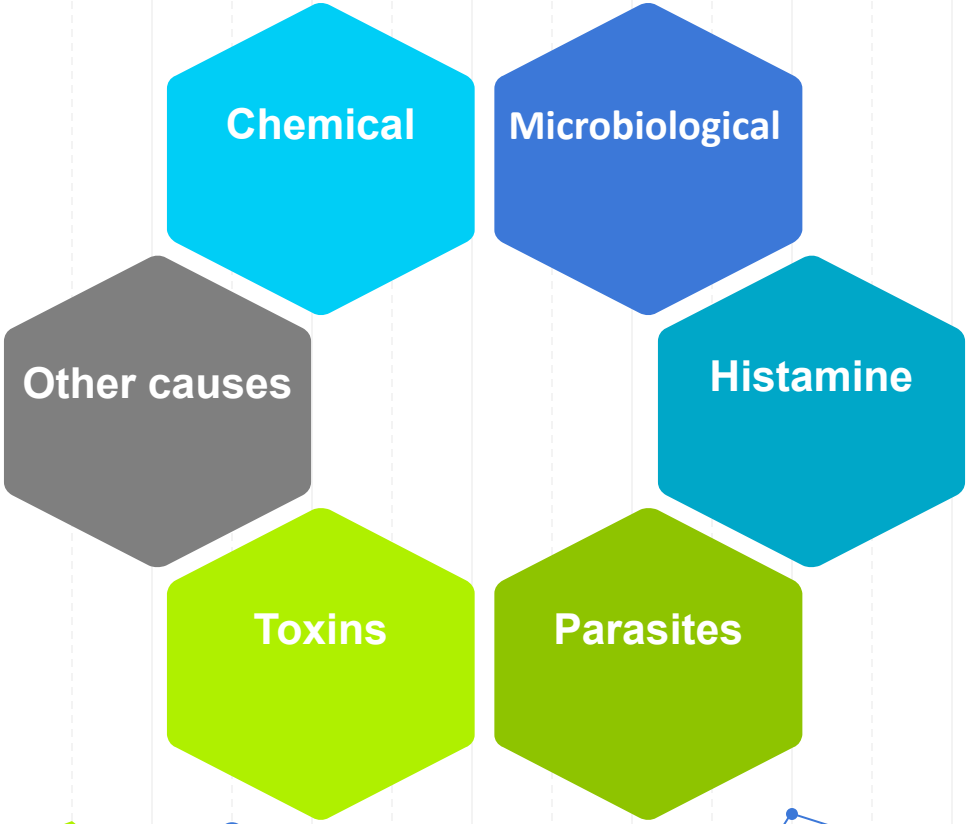
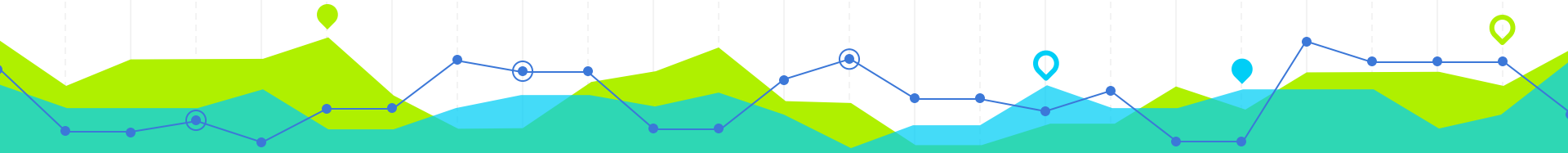


Which systems are used?

- **Imported Food Inspection Scheme** of the Australian Government
- **Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF)** in the European Union
- **Import Refusal Report (IRR)** of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the United States of America
- **Quarantine Stations** of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) in Japan

Classification of import notifications





Import notifications in Australia

Trend analysis 2019 - 2022

Import notifications in Australia (2019 – 2022)

Causes	*2019*	*2020*	*2021*	*2022*	*Total*
Histamine	34	39	22	25	**120**
Chemical	18	26	28	37	**109**
Microbiological	24	29	8	18	**79**
Others	0	0	3	0	**3**
Total	**76**	**94**	**61**	**80**	**311**

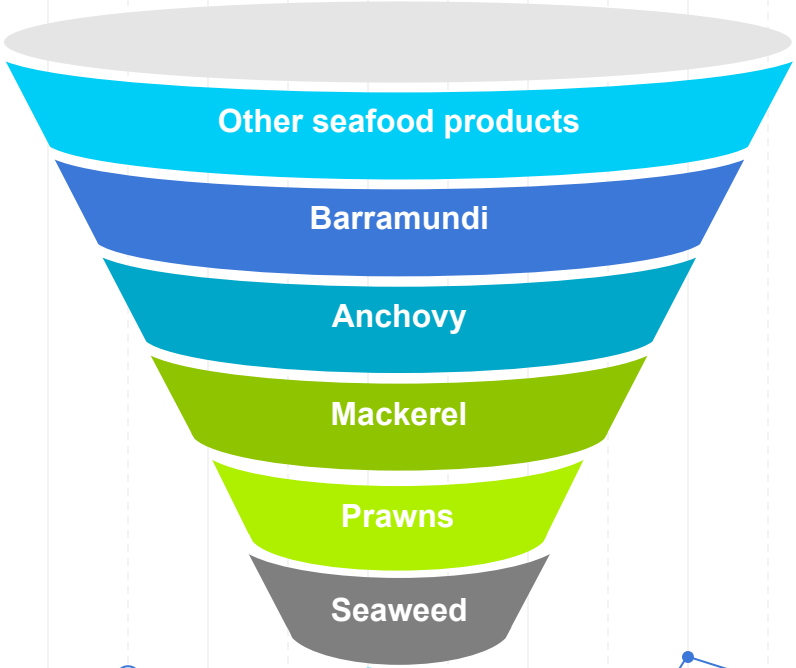
Chemical causes in Australia (2019 – 2022)

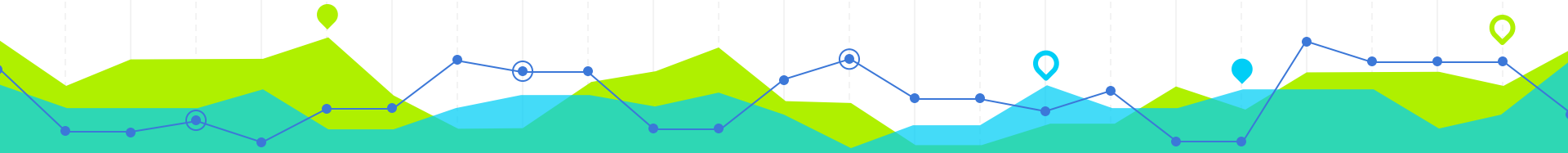
Causes	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Iodine	6	9	12	6	**33**
Nitrofurans	5	9	2	6	**22**
Enrofloxacin	5	4	6	5	**20**
Fluoroquinolones	0	0	0	16	**16**
Additives	2	2	3	2	**9**
Arsenic	0	2	1	0	**3**
Ciprofloxacin	0	0	2	0	**2**
Leuchomalachite green	0	0	0	2	**2**
Levofloxacin	0	0	1	0	**1**
Ofloxacin	0	0	1	0	**1**
Total	**18**	**26**	**28**	**37**	**109**

Microbiological causes in Australia (2019 – 2022)

Causes	*2019*	*2020*	*2021*	*2022*	*Total*
Live bacteria	12	14	0	0	**26**
Escherichia coli	3	6	5	11	**25**
Listeria monocytogenes	4	8	1	7	**20**
Salmonella	3	0	1	0	**4**
Vibrio cholerae	2	0	1	0	**3**
Vibrio alginolyticus	0	1	0	0	**1**
Total	**24**	**29**	**8**	**18**	**79**

Top 6 – Rejected products in Australia in 2022





Import notifications in the European Union

Trend analysis 2016 - 2022

Import notifications in the EU (2016 – 2022)

Causes	*2016*	*2017*	*2018*	*2019*	*2020*	*2021*	*2022*	*Total*
Others	96	115	139	116	77	92	91	**726**
Chemical	114	159	73	68	62	58	45	**579**
Microbiological	62	41	75	44	57	37	52	**368**
Histamine	20	30	13	15	7	6	15	**106**
Toxins	12	11	7	10	10	8	6	**64**
Parasites	3	3	1	8	14	20	11	**60**
Total	**307**	**359**	**308**	**261**	**227**	**221**	**220**	**1 903**

Other causes in the EU (2016 – 2022)

Causes	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Poor temperature control	44	61	86	78	40	48	46	**403**
Unfit for human consumption	16	18	12	8	13	7	10	**84**
Issues of health certificate	11	2	19	4	5	17	12	**70**
Attempt to illegally import	4	14	1	10	10	0	0	**39**
Labelling	0	4	4	4	3	11	8	**34**
Unsuitable packaging	9	10	6	2	1	2	1	**31**
Allergens	6	3	3	5	3	3	4	**27**
Unauthorized operator	1	2	8	2	2	1	0	**16**
Unsuitable transport conditions	5	1	0	3	0	0	0	**9**
Species mismatch	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	**4**
Unauthorized vessel	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	**5**
Unauthorized country	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	**4**
Total	**96**	**115**	**139**	**116**	**77**	**92**	**91**	**726**

Chemical causes in the EU (2016 – 2022)

Causes	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Mercury	61	95	42	38	30	23	22	**311**
Residues of vet drugs	29	35	21	8	8	4	10	**115**
Cadmium	15	25	6	11	13	13	7	**90**
Additives	1	0	2	1	5	7	2	**18**
Benzo(a)pyrene	8	0	0	4	1	0	1	**14**
Chlorate	0	0	0	5	4	0	1	**10**
Sulphite	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	**6**
Irradiation	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	**5**
Contaminants	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	**3**
Lead	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	**3**
arbon monoxide	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	**2**
Arsenic	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	**1**
odium carbonate	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	**1**
Total	**114**	**159**	**73**	**68**	**62**	**58**	**45**	**579**

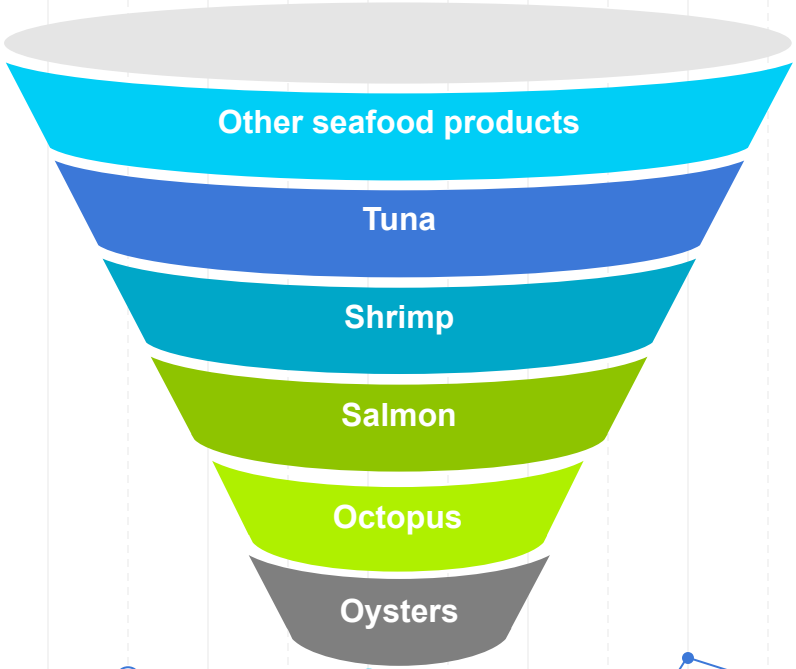
Microbiological causes in the EU (2016 – 2022)

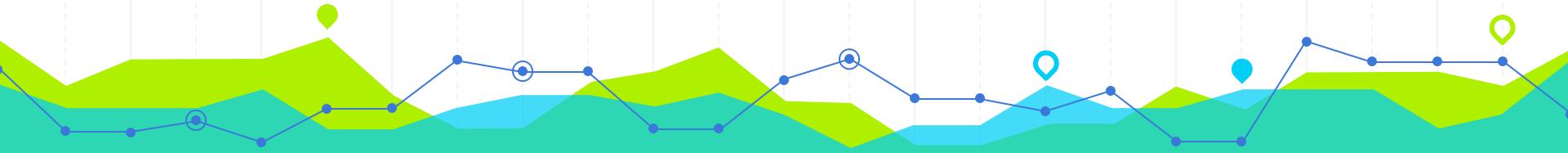
Causes	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Listeria monocytogenes	19	11	24	19	20	17	26	**136**
E. Coli	22	12	21	12	12	10	4	**93**
Norovirus	4	7	21	3	22	4	7	**68**
Salmonella	7	6	7	6	1	5	9	**41**
Vibrio spp.	6	2	1	1	2	1	6	**19**
Hepatitis A virus	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	**5**
Clostridium Botulinum	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	**4**
Not specified	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
Total	**62**	**41**	**75**	**44**	**57**	**37**	**52**	**368**

Toxins causes in the EU (2016 – 2022)

Causes	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Diarrhetic shellfish poisoning	7	2	5	7	8	4	0	**33**
Amnesic shellfish poisoning	1	7	2	1	0	0	0	**11**
Paralytic shellfish poisoning	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	**4**
Ciguatera	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	**4**
Tetrodoxin	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	**3**
Lipophilic toxins	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	**7**
Azaspiracid poisoning	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	**2**
Total	**12**	**11**	**7**	**10**	**10**	**8**	**6**	**61**

Top 6 – Rejected products in the European Union in 2022





Import notifications in Japan

Trend analysis 2016 - 2022

Import notifications in Japan (2016 – 2022)

Causes	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Microbiological	94	99	81	77	47	94	81	**573**
Chemical	42	36	24	27	32	25	32	**218**
Toxins	0	0	0	4	7	2	1	**14**
Others	0	8	1	1	0	0	0	**10**
Total	**136**	**143**	**106**	**109**	**86**	**121**	**114**	**815**

Microbiological causes in Japan (2016 – 2022)

Causes	*2016*	*2017*	*2018*	*2019*	*2020*	*2021*	*2022*	*Total*
Coliform	51	50	42	43	23	59	45	**313**
Live bacteria	30	29	19	23	16	24	21	**162**
E. coli	10	19	17	10	8	11	12	**87**
Salmonella	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	**5**
Vibrio	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	**6**
Total	**94**	**99**	**81**	**77**	**47**	**94**	**81**	**573**

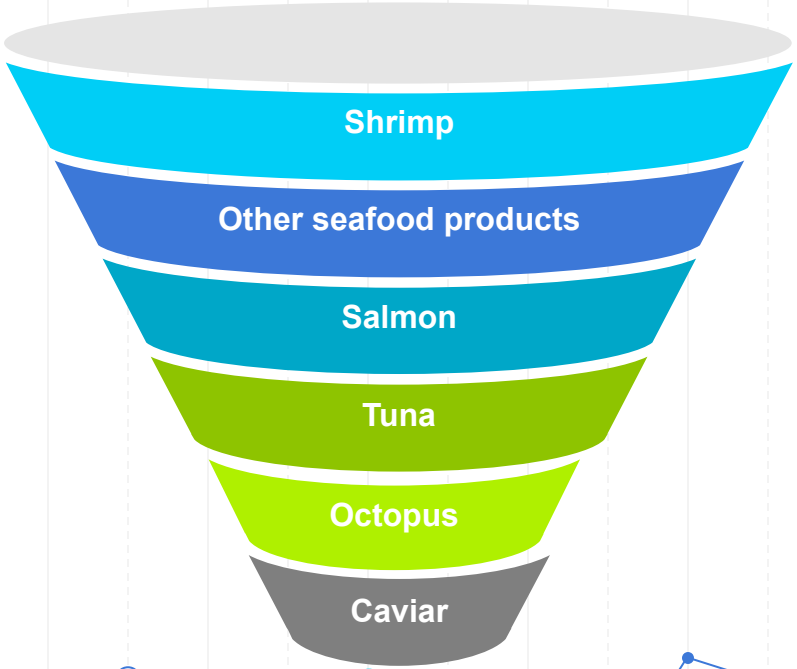
Chemical causes in Japan (2016 – 2022)

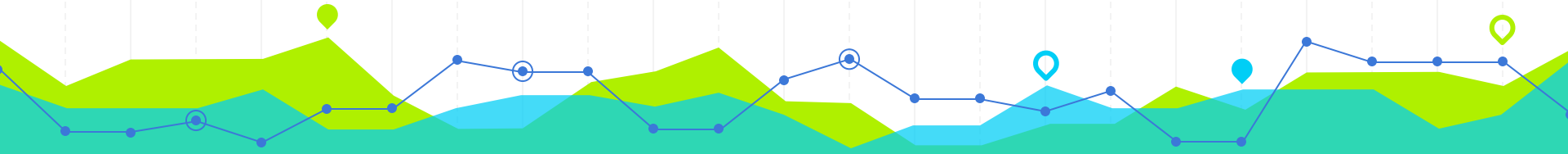
Causes	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Residues of vet drugs	35	31	15	15	14	11	20	**141**
Additives	4	4	8	9	15	8	11	**59**
Pesticides	2	1	0	3	3	6	1	**16**
Contaminants	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	**1**
Irradiation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
TOTAL	**42**	**36**	**24**	**27**	**32**	**25**	**32**	**218**

Toxins causes in Japan (2016 – 2022)

Causes	*2016*	*2017*	*2018*	*2019*	*2020*	*2021*	*2022*	*Total*
Diarrhetic shellfish poisoning	0	0	0	0	7	2	1	**10**
Ciguatera poisoning	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	**3**
Paralytic shellfish poisoning	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	**1**
TOTAL	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**7**	**2**	**1**	**14**

Top 6 – Rejected products in Japan in 2022





Import notifications in the United States of America

Trend analysis 2016 - 2022

Import notifications in the US (2016 – 2022)

Causes	*2016*	*2017*	*2018*	*2019*	*2020*	*2021*	*2022*	*Total*
Others	1 553	1 114	917	864	419	476	428	**5 771**
Microbiological	253	281	275	230	219	400	243	**1 901**
Chemical	233	156	241	151	72	90	93	**1 036**
Histamine	32	25	24	59	20	46	23	**229**
Toxins	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
Total	**2 072**	**1 577**	**1 457**	**1 304**	**730**	**1 012**	**787**	**8 939**

Other causes in the US (2016 – 2022)

Causes	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Unfit for consumption	1 365	836	681	679	313	366	378	**4 618**
Labelling	103	116	70	100	58	71	45	**563**
Packaging	54	59	57	48	25	34	5	**282**
Adulteration	14	78	88	22	11	0	0	**213**
Allergens	6	18	3	5	12	5	0	**49**
No process	11	7	18	10	0	0	0	**46**
Total	**1 553**	**1 114**	**917**	**864**	**419**	**476**	**428**	**5 771**

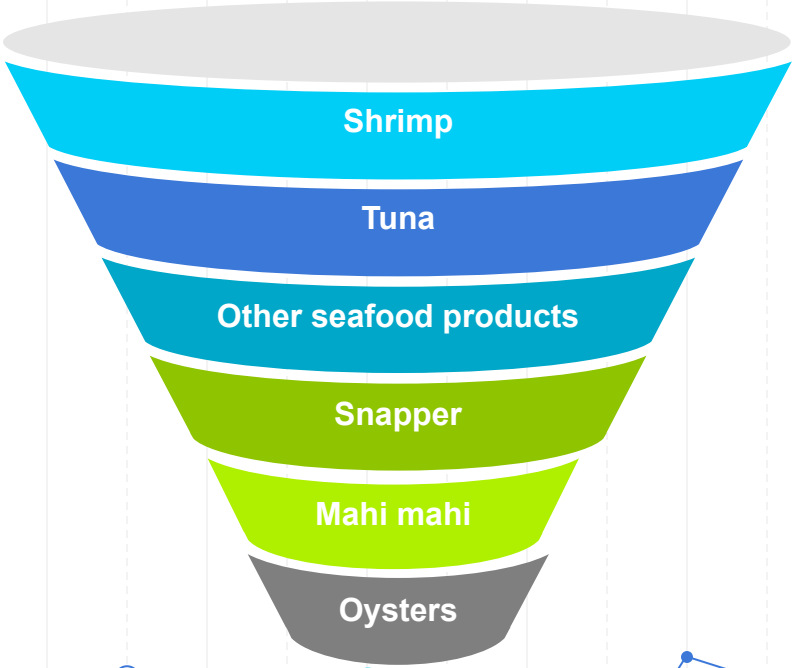
Microbiological causes in the US (2016 – 2022)

Causes	*2016*	*2017*	*2018*	*2019*	*2020*	*2021*	*2022*	*Total*
Salmonella	213	246	202	177	166	384	201	**1 589**
Listeria monocytogenes	10	33	38	52	53	16	41	**243**
Hepatitis A	0	2	35	1	0	0	0	**38**
Escherichia coli	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	**1**
Total	**223**	**281**	**275**	**230**	**219**	**400**	**243**	**1 871**

Chemical causes in US (2016 – 2022)

Causes	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Residues of vet drugs	160	117	192	81	49	44	43	**686**
Nitrofurans	45	14	21	55	15	42	33	**225**
Additives	12	14	13	9	0	3	8	**59**
Chloramphenicol	10	10	3	5	5	0	5	**38**
Pesticides	0	1	12	1	3	0	4	**21**
Sulphites	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	**1**
Total	**227**	**156**	**241**	**151**	**72**	**90**	**93**	**1 030**

Top 6 – Rejected products in US in 2022



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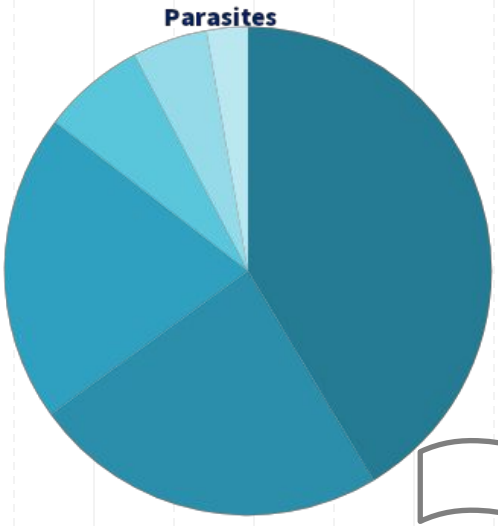

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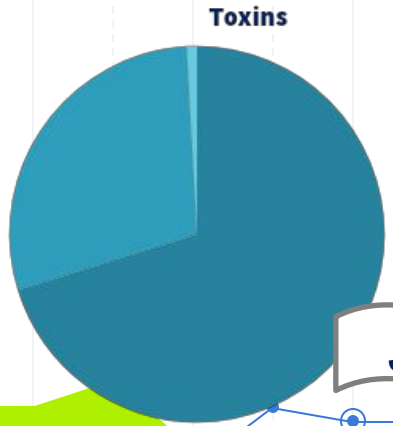

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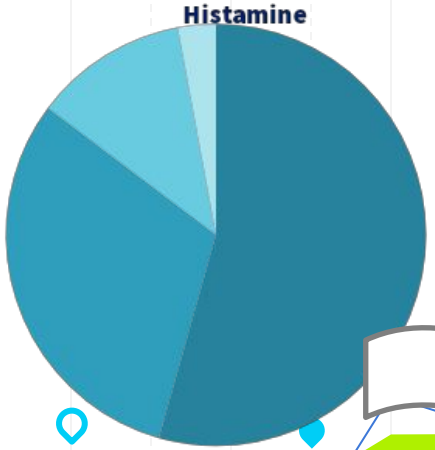

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Conclusions and Recommendations

Possible measures to encourage the reduction of cases of import notifications are multiple and they are aimed at:

Exporting Countries:

- ✔ base actions on risk analysis approach from primary production to consumers;
- ✔ make available relevant data on international databases;
- ✔ organize staff training and develop national surveillance programs; and
- ✔ use international standards, guidelines and recommendations provided by the *CODEX Alimentarius.*

Conclusions and Recommendations

FAO:

- ✔ continues to provide training programs to ensure that officials and producers in developing countries fully understand international food safety and quality requirements in line with *CODEX Alimentarius*;
- ✔ continues to support *CODEX Alimentarius* on the standardization to harmonize requirements and eliminate trade barriers; and
- ✔ plays a key role in providing information on sanitary problems related to international trade.

Thank you for your attention!

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