

食物事故報表 Food Incident Post



Heading	The UK Food Standards Agency (FSA) - Warning on Czech spirits ban (Update)
The incident	FSA issued an updated warning on drinking Czech spirits because of the recent spate of alcohol-related cases of methanol poisoning in the country and updated the list of products that may have been associated with the contamination.
Source	http://www.food.gov.uk/news-updates/news/2012/sep/czech-spritis-ban
Position of CFS	- Information on product distribution is not available from the FSA website. - The Czech Authorities has taken immediate steps to ban the sale of alcohol over 20% in the markets and has confirmed that there is no export of the spirits to other countries. - Acquisition of the products through international travel cannot be excluded. - Symptoms of methanol poisoning include initially drunkenness and drowsiness (similar to ethanol poisoning), followed by vomiting, vertigo, abdominal pain, blurred vision leading to blindness and the risk of coma and death. - Consumers should discard the products and not consume them and travelers should not bring back bottles of the local "hard liquor" as they could contain potentially lethal levels of methanol. - CFS will remain vigilant and monitor for any new development and take appropriate actions when necessary.

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