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Heading	The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – Multistate outbreak of <i>hepatitis A</i> linked to frozen strawberries from Egypt.
The incident	<p>The CDC issued a report regarding a multistate outbreak of <i>hepatitis A</i> with epidemiologic association with frozen strawberries imported from Egypt.</p> <p>Details of the outbreak report are listed in the CDC website.</p>
Source	<p>CDC website http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/outbreaks/2016/hav-strawberries.htm</p>
Position of CFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on product distribution outside the U.S. is not available from the CDC website. CFS is contacting the Egypt authority for further information. • Acquisition of the products through online purchase or international travel cannot be excluded. • CFS will remain vigilant and monitor for any new development and take appropriate actions when necessary. • Investigation by CFS is ongoing. • <i>Hepatitis A</i> is caused by <i>hepatitis A</i> virus (HAV) leading to inflammation of the liver cells. In some places, outbreaks have been associated with the consumption of contaminated raw/ inadequately cooked shellfish (e.g. oysters) or fresh produce (e.g. berry fruits). HAV can be transmitted via contaminated food, water or environmental objects, and through direct or indirect person-to-person contact. Furthermore, cross contamination and poor personal hygiene of food handlers may contribute to the spread of HAV. • Foodborne hepatitis A infection could be prevented effectively by practising the “ Five Keys to Food Safety ”. The public and the

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	<p>trade are advised to maintain proper hygiene personally and during food preparation to prevent cross contamination, and to obtain food ingredients from reliable sources. Wash fruits with potable water before consumption to reduce the risk of <i>hepatitis A</i> infection. Thorough cooking, wherever applicable, remains the final critical step to destroy HAV.</p>
Additional information	NA

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