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Heading	The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan – A notice regarding a recall of 林久右衛門商店「乾味百撰 本枯厚削り」 dried bonito flake product in Japan due to the presence of pinhole in the expiration date printed on the product, causing risk of discoloration, flavour deterioration, and mould growth.
The incident	The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan issued a notice regarding a recall of 林久右衛門商店「乾味百撰 本枯厚削り」 dried bonito flake product in Japan due to the presence of pinhole in the expiration date printed on the product, causing risk of discoloration, flavour deterioration, and mould growth. Recalled product (in Japanese): Product name: 乾味百撰 本枯厚削り (dried bonito flakes) Contents: 90g Shape: Synthetic resin bagging JAN code: 4902591014564 Best before date: August 2024
	Details of product being recalled are listed in the website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan.
Source	Website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan (in Japanese) https://ifas.mhlw.go.jp/faspub/_link.do?i=IO_S020502&p=RCL2023 03363
	Website of the Consumer Affairs Agency, Government of Japan (in Japanese) https://www.recall.caa.go.jp/result/detail.php?rcl=00000031648&screenkbn=01
Position of CFS	Information on product distribution outside Japan is not available from the website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and

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Welfare of Japan. The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) is investigating whether the affected product has been imported to Hong Kong and is contacting the relevant authority for further information. Preliminary investigation did not identify local sale or import of the affected product.

- Acquisition of the product through online purchase or international travel cannot be excluded.
- Consumers should discard the product and not consume it.
- CFS will remain vigilant and monitor for any new development and take appropriate actions when necessary.
- Investigation by CFS is ongoing.

Additional information

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