

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Recall of raw oysters linked to *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* outbreak in USA

The Washington Department of Health has issued a food recall alert on raw oysters harvested from the Samish Bay area, and processed by Taylor Shellfish Company, in the United States of America (USA). These raw oysters are linked to cases of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* illnesses in the USA.

2 As the implicated products were imported into Singapore, the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has directed two importers, Global Oceanlink Pte Ltd and Ah Yat Seafood Market Pte Ltd, to recall the products. The recall has been completed.

3 *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* is a bacterium typically present in raw seafood, such as crustaceans and molluscan shellfish, due to natural contamination from the aquatic environment in the ocean. Consumption of raw seafood with high levels of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* can cause foodborne illnesses including fever, abdominal cramps and severe diarrhoea.

4 Consumers who have purchased the implicated products are advised not to consume it. Those who have consumed the implicated products and have concerns about their health should seek medical advice. Consumers may contact their point of purchase for enquiries.

5 Details of the products are as follows:

**Implicated Products:**

All raw oysters harvested from Samish Bay area from 29 June 2021 to 16 July 2021

Source country: USA

**Issued by the Singapore Food Agency**

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