



IS YOUR PRODUCT COVID-19-FREE?

Coronavirus was detected on a chopping board for imported salmon in Beijing, China – so supermarkets have stopped selling it



What happened?

- Beijing's recent COVID-19 outbreak was linked to Xinfadi, the largest wholesale fresh food market in Asia,
- 'European strain' coronavirus was detected on a chopping board for imported salmon.

The impact on food market

- Xinfadi and its supplier were closed down.
- Retailers stopped selling salmon.
- China cancelled the orders of Norwegian salmon.
- Consumers stayed away from seafood restaurants.

Can salmon be the host?

Unlikely. The viral receptors required for infection only exist in mammals.

How did the virus get there?

Possibly through contamination from infected personnel during processing, transportation and packaging.

Food & processing surfaces can still transmit disease

Although fish and crustaceans are unlikely to be infected by COVID-19, the food products and food processing surfaces still have the potential to transmit the disease as fomites.

Is your product safe?

- Product contamination can come from an asymptomatic worker
- Contamination can happen unknowingly in any part along the supply chain

Find out with us

We provide RT-qPCR testing service on surfaces, hands and food products.

Talk to us

Please contact us to discuss your analysis requirement and we will assist you with the proposal.

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