



Q1 Report

APRIL 2021

Recall Recap

In Q1 2021 there were:

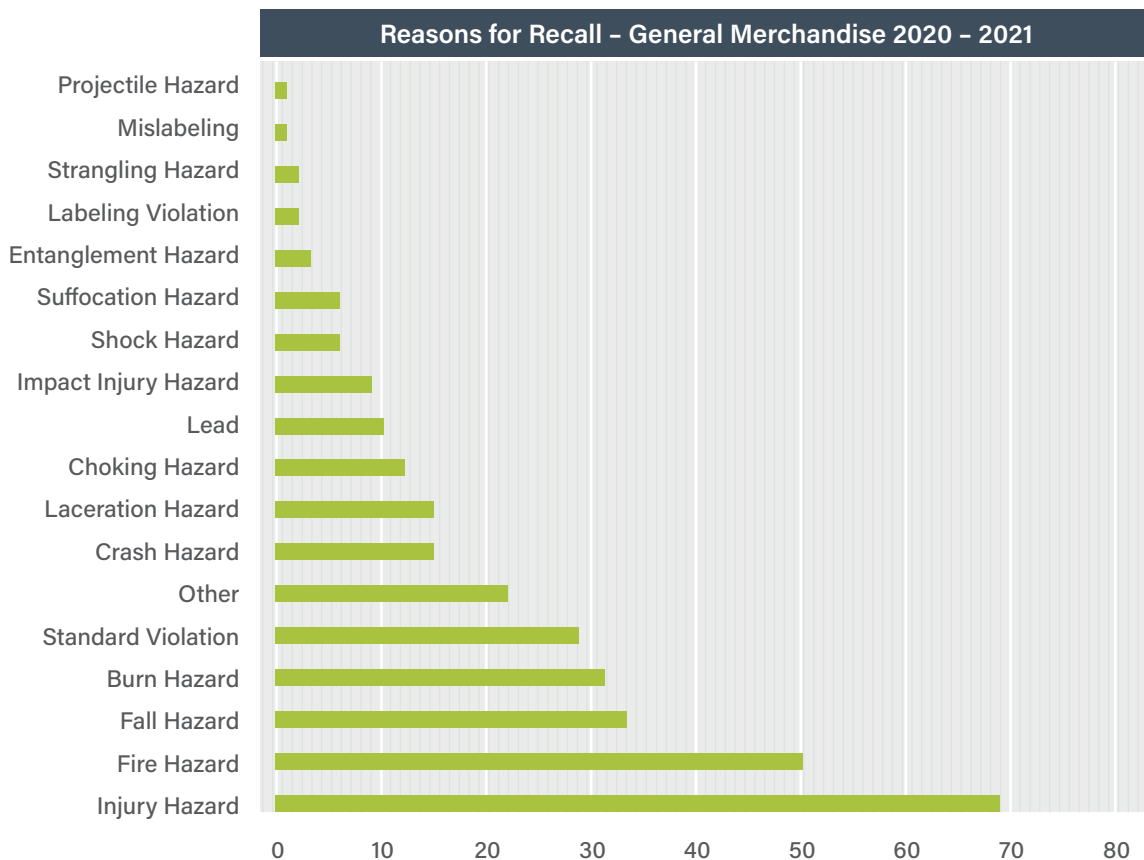
1202 food-related alerts reported

85 Class I Recalls
58 Class II Recalls
28 Class III Recalls

Over **80%** of alerts were reported via non-agency sources

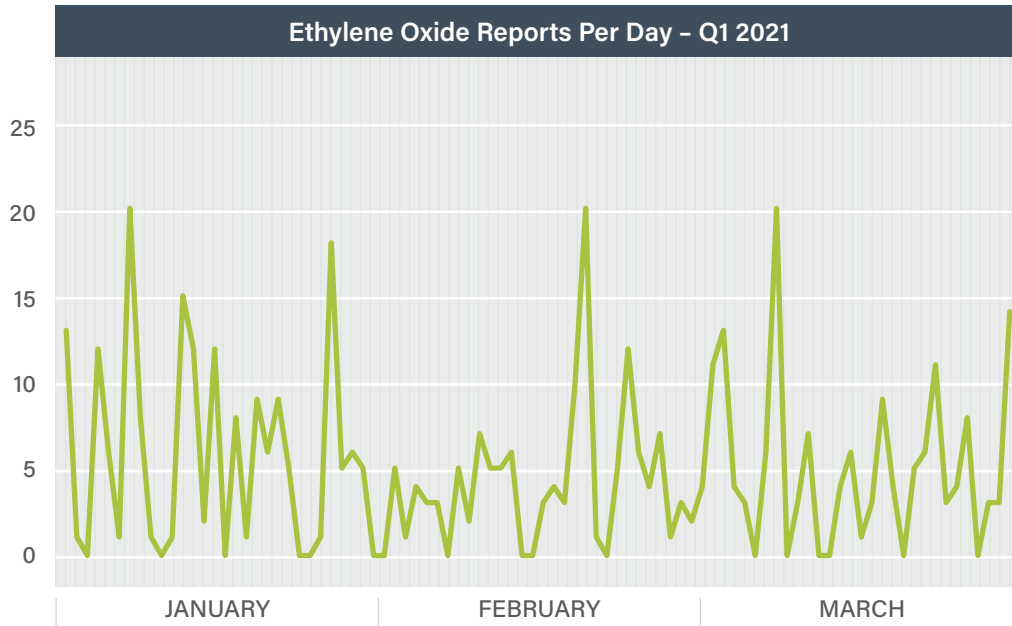
Expansion of Non-Food Recalls

In an effort to add value to our service, we have now expanded our coverage to include Canadian General Merchandise recalls in addition to reports from the United States. General Merchandise recalls in the U.S. typically average around 260 per year, with injury and fire hazards being the most common reason for recall, and over 22% resulting in injury, illness, or death.



In addition to General Merchandise, FoodTrack also tracks other non-food categories including Pet Food. Q1 2021 saw a spike in recalls of Pet Food, with 20 each in both Q4 2020 and Q1 2021. Historically, there are only about 20 recalls per year concerning this group, but two major events took place this quarter: Mars Petcare UK recalled Pedigree brand dog food as a result of excessive levels of Vitamin D, sparking recalls in the U.K., Australia, Belgium, Luxembourg, Austria, Denmark and Ireland. And Midwestern Pet Foods in the U.S. recalled some of their Sportmix dog and cat food due to the presence of aflatoxins. There were over 100 pet deaths and over 200 pet illnesses associated with this event. We are also keeping an eye on a second recall issued by Midwestern in late Q1 due to salmonella.

Ethylene Oxide Recalls Grow



With over 1,500 individual reports since it began, recalls as a result of Ethylene Oxide continue to be one of the longest ongoing events this past year. As we entered Q1 2021, not only have the recalls continued, but the list of affected ingredients and products has expanded as well. In the 400+ reports we have seen thus far in 2021, about 60% are related to Ethylene Oxide levels in seeds and seed products. But the remaining 40% have identified different affected ingredients including turmeric, curry, ginger, and pepper — impacted products range from prepared meals and kits to baked goods to protein bars. We will continue to monitor this event as it unfolds.



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