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**Health Information Update**

Source: WHO, Event Information Site for IHR National Focal

Event Updates: **29 August 2019 to 04 September 2019**

Event Updated	Country	Hazard	Disease	Event Description	IHR Assessment
2019-09-04	Spain	Food Safety	Listeriosis	<p>On 15 August 2019, Regional Health authorities in Andalusia, Spain, reported an outbreak of listeriosis associated with the consumption of a chilled roasted pork meat product manufactured by Magrudis Company Limited and commercialised under the brand “La Mechá”, as a popular food served as a “tapa” in many restaurants. Implicated products were distributed only in Spain, mainly in Andalusia, 99% of the total amount (89% in Sevilla). The other 1% of the product was distributed in three other Autonomous Regions in Spain. As of 1 September, a total of 207 confirmed cases linked to this outbreak were reported in five regions of the country: Andalusia (201), Aragon (3), Castilla y Leon (1), Extremadura (1) and Madrid (1). Three deaths have been reported during the outbreak. In addition, probable and suspected cases are currently being investigated in Andalusia, Aragon, Asturias, Canarias, Castilla y Leon, Castilla La Mancha, Catalonia, Comunidad Valenciana, Extremadura, Madrid and Melilla.</p> <p>The disease does not spread from person to person and thus <b>there is limited risk for onward transmission internationally</b>. Although, exportation of cases to other countries cannot be ruled out, but this number is expected to be low.</p> <p>WHO recommends against the application of any travel or trade restrictions in relation to this outbreak.</p>	Public Health Risk



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2019-08-29	New Zealand	Infectious	Measles	<p>On 15 March 2019 New Zealand notified WHO of a measles outbreak centred on the Canterbury region which also included cases in other regions. On 22 and 29 August 2019, further communication was provided via the New Zealand National IHR Focal Point to update that notification. Since the beginning of 2019, there has been an increase in the number of measles cases in New Zealand. There have been three outbreaks in three regions of New Zealand in Waikato, Canterbury, and currently a major outbreak in the Auckland Region. <b>In 2019, a total of 882 measles cases were confirmed in New Zealand between 1 January and 29 August. Out of these, 734 (83%) cases have been reported from the Auckland region.</b></p> <p>Given the number of cases, the over representation of Pacific peoples among cases and the mobility of the New Zealand population, <b>there is possibility of spread to other countries and areas.</b></p> <p>Based on the current available information, WHO does not recommend any restriction on travel and/or trade to New Zealand.</p>	To be assigned
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\*A **public health risk** is something that is (or is likely to be) hazardous to human **health** or could contribute to a disease or an infectious condition in humans.