

# Key dates in China export scares

The Sun – Monday, August 20, 2007. The key dates of China export scares:

- Feb 2007 – Hasbro recalls 1 million Easy-Bake toy ovens made in China after reports of bur injuries to children
  - Mar – Chemical melamine found in wheat gluten exports to U.S for use in pet food. 60m containers of pet food recalled after deaths of cats and dogs
  - Apr – About 4m toy bracelets recalled in U.S over lead paint fears
  - May – Dominican Republic bans two brands of Chinese toothpaste contaminated with industrial solvent diethylene glycol (DEG). Contaminated toothpaste also found in Panama and Australia
  - May – U.S recalls 450 000 Chinese made truck tyres after key safety feature found to be missing
  - Jun – Mattel Inc – largest U.S toy maker – recalls 1.5 million Chinese-made Fisher-Price infant toys worldwide because of possible lead-paint hazards to children
  - Jun – U.S halts import of five types of seafood from China after traces of banned drugs and pesticides found
  - Jul – European Union reports that while China contributes less than six percent of EU imports, goods made in China are responsible for more than half (55%) of all products recalled
  - Jul – Spain withdraws two Chinese made toothpastes after samples are found to contain DEG
  - Jul – U.S recalls more than 200 000 Black & Decker garden tools after 58 injury reports
  - Aug – British company Gilchrist & Soames recalls its Chinese-made toothpaste from hotels in 17 countries
  - Aug – Mattel orders global recall of more than 18m Chinese-made toys worldwide.
- Aug 13 – Head of Chinese company supplying Mattel toys commits suicide