

# Key dates in China export scares



◆ **Feb 2007:** Hasbro recalls 1 million **Easy-Bake** toy ovens made in China after reports of burn 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

