

Fonterra Imports Suspended After Botulism Scare

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WELLINGTON — New Zealand's Fonterra, the world's largest dairy exporter, said Saturday that it had found bacteria that can cause botulism in some of its dairy products, prompting China, a major market for the company, to recall affected products.

Russia has suspended imports and circulation of Fonterra products, Itar-Tass said Saturday, quoting the country's consumer watchdog Rospotrebnadzor.

Fonterra said it had sold New Zealand-made whey protein concentrate contaminated with clostridium botulinum to eight customers, including food and beverage companies and animal stock feed firms, for possible use in infant formula, body-building powder, and other products. None of its own branded products were affected, it said.

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