



## Recall and refunds issued after rat remains discovered in Japanese bread from Pasco

### Description

A popular bread brand in Japan, Pasco, is in the spotlight after thousands of its sliced white bread packets were recalled due to the shocking discovery of a rat's remains in some of the products. This incident has led to Pasco Shikishima Corporation issuing refunds and removing around 104,000 packs from shelves.

Pasco bread is a household staple in Japan and can be found in supermarkets and convenience stores across the country. Despite the unsettling find, Pasco has assured the public that no illnesses have been reported as a result of this contamination. The company expressed deep apologies for the inconvenience caused and has suspended production at the Tokyo factory where the affected bread was made.

While Pasco has not disclosed how the rat's remains ended up in their products, they have emphasized their commitment to enhancing quality control measures to prevent such incidents in the future. Affected customers are encouraged to seek refunds through a form available on Pasco's website.

Interestingly, Pasco's products are also exported to various countries including the US, China, Australia, and Singapore. Food recalls are uncommon in Japan, known for its stringent hygiene standards, but recent incidents like this and other health scares involving food have raised concerns.

This serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining strict quality checks in the food production industry to uphold consumer safety and trust. The Pasco bread incident highlights the need for continuous vigilance and improvement in ensuring the integrity of food products for consumers worldwide.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Recalled** // (verb): To officially ask for the return of a product because of a problem.
2. **Contamination** // (noun): The process of making something less pure or poisonous.
3. **Apologies** // (noun): A message in which one says they are sorry.
4. **Enhancing** // (verb): Increasing or improving.
5. **Stringent** // (adjective): Strict and severe.
6. **Vigilance** // (noun): The quality or state of being watchful and alert.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What term is used to describe a sudden and large increase in something?  
Option: Bearish  
Option: Mixed  
Option: Surge  
Option: Steady
2. Which term best describes the ability to recover quickly from difficulties or challenges?  
Option: Resilient  
Option: Forecasts  
Option: Apologies  
Option: Contamination
3. What is the total value of a company's outstanding shares in the market known as?  
Option: Concerns  
Option: Market Capitalization  
Option: Tariffs  
Option: Bookings
4. Which word means to become less strong or powerful?  
Option: Enhancing  
Option: Weakened



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Option: Manufacturing  
Option: Stringent

5. What are taxes imposed on imported goods known as?

Option: Bearish  
Option: Tariffs  
Option: Competitor  
Option: Ambition

6. Which term refers to materials that have electrical conductivity between a conductor and an insulator?

Option: Forecasts  
Option: Semiconductors  
Option: Endorsed  
Option: Safeguarding

7. What word describes the action of officially bringing back a product by the manufacturer?

Option: Recalled  
Option: Uptrend  
Option: Unveiled  
Option: Competitor

8. What term is used to indicate worries or issues that cause unease?

Option: Manufacturing  
Option: Foothold  
Option: Mixed  
Option: Concerns

9. What is the process of producing goods in a factory or workshop called?

Option: Manufacturing  
Option: Vigilance  
Option: Edged  
Option: Enhancing

10. Who is a person company or organization that competes with others in the same area?

Option: Steady  
Option: Recalled  
Option: Competitor  
Option: Ambition

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The company experienced \_\_\_\_\_ results in the last quarter with some areas



performing well while others lagged behind.

12. The stock market has been showing a consistent \_\_\_\_\_ over the past few months.

13. The new safety regulations are much more \_\_\_\_\_ than the previous ones requiring strict compliance.

14. The hotel reported a significant increase in \_\_\_\_\_ for the upcoming holiday season.

15. The company is focused on \_\_\_\_\_ its customer service to improve satisfaction levels.

16. The financial analyst provided optimistic \_\_\_\_\_ for the company's performance in the next quarter.

17. The celebrity \_\_\_\_\_ the new product claiming it was the best in the market.

18. The company is focused on \_\_\_\_\_ its intellectual property to prevent unauthorized use.

19. The small business established a \_\_\_\_\_ in the market slowly gaining customers and recognition.

20. The young entrepreneur had great \_\_\_\_\_ aiming to build a multinational corporation from scratch.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Investors are feeling optimistic about the stock market leading to a trend.
22. The company's revenue has been showing a consistent and predictable growth pattern indicating a performance.
23. The industry is facing a situation of having more production capacity than needed resulting in issues.
24. Constant monitoring and alertness are required to detect and prevent any potential risks demonstrating the need for .



25. Opinions among analysts are with some predicting growth and others expressing concerns.
26. The company's market share slightly indicating a minor but noticeable increase.
27. The company officially presented its new product line at the trade show where it the latest technological advancements.
28. The food product was recalled due to potential with harmful bacteria posing a health risk to consumers.
29. The CEO issued public for the company's failure to deliver on its promises to customers.
30. The government imposed on imported goods in an effort to protect local industries.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Surge 2. Resilient 3. Market Capitalization 4. Weakened 5. Tariffs 6. Semiconductors 7. Recalled 8. Concerns 9. Manufacturing 10. Competitor

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Mixed 12. Uptrend 13. Stringent 14. Bookings 15. Enhancing 16. Forecasts 17. Endorsed 18. Safeguarding 19. Foothold 20. Ambition

**Matching sentence:** 1. Bullish 2. Steady 3. Overcapacity 4. Vigilance 5. Mixed 6. Edged 7. Unveiled 8. Contamination 9. Apologies 10. Tariffs

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