

Salmonella Szentes

Background: *Salmonella enterica* subsp. *enterica* serovar Szentes (antigenic formula 16:k:1,2) is a serovar of the O: 16 (I) serogroups. *S. Szentes* is a rare serovar, only one human case in 2002 was reported in the US from data collected by CDC from 2001-2011. Similarly, in Europe only sporadic cases have been reported in England and Ireland; in addition, hazard notification for chilled mixed salad, sunflower meal and coriander have been reported in Europe as well. In addition, an [outbreak in Switzerland](#) affected 13 people over a 9 months period.

Animal reservoir: There is not clear link of *S. Szentes* and animals

Geographic distribution: It appears that Europe has more reports than other regions.

Outbreak: The only outbreak of *S. Szentes* was reported in 2013 in Switzerland; this outbreak affected 13 patients, but no food was attributed to this outbreak.

Year	Location	Associated source	Number of cases
2013	Switzerland	Not established	13

Border Rejection of a Food Product:

Year	Exporting Country	Importing Country	Associated source
2019	Sudan	Greece	Sesame seeds

Relevant links or references:

1. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26287690>
2. <http://www.unsafefood.eu/hazards/salmonella-szentes>
3. https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/rasff-window/portal/index.cfm?event=notificationDetail&NOTIF_REFERENCE=2019.0648