

# Shameless Food Adulterers

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Food safety in recent years has aroused attention worldwide, especially China-made products.

A lot of people are worried by the methods Chinese companies use to produce food. First, a brand of mainland-made soya sauce was found to contain hair as an ingredient. Second, eggs were found to be contaminated by Sudan IV red dye which could seriously damage a person's health.

Then there was the baby milk scandal. Mengniu and Yili, two famous dairy manufacturers, had milk products that contained melamine, a poisonous substance that made thousands of babies ill.

I don't quite understand why Chinese producers of certain foods are so cruel and even, as some people have inferred, 'shameless'. They have completely ignored health and safety issues and the possible consequence of their actions.

The affected infants are our next generation. They are only babies who know nothing about the brutal world. Whatever we give them, they just simply eat it regardless of the possible outcome. To say that the producers lack social responsibility and proper morals is definitely appropriate.

The occurrence of such scandals is partly because some industries lack proper regulation and the inspection of these products is insufficient. The Chinese provincial governments should be blamed simply because they did not report the case to the Beijing authorities earlier (the first case happened many months ago).

I think the Chinese government should have those milk producers penalized. A serious punishment is necessary as a warning to other food producers if they intend to put public health in danger.