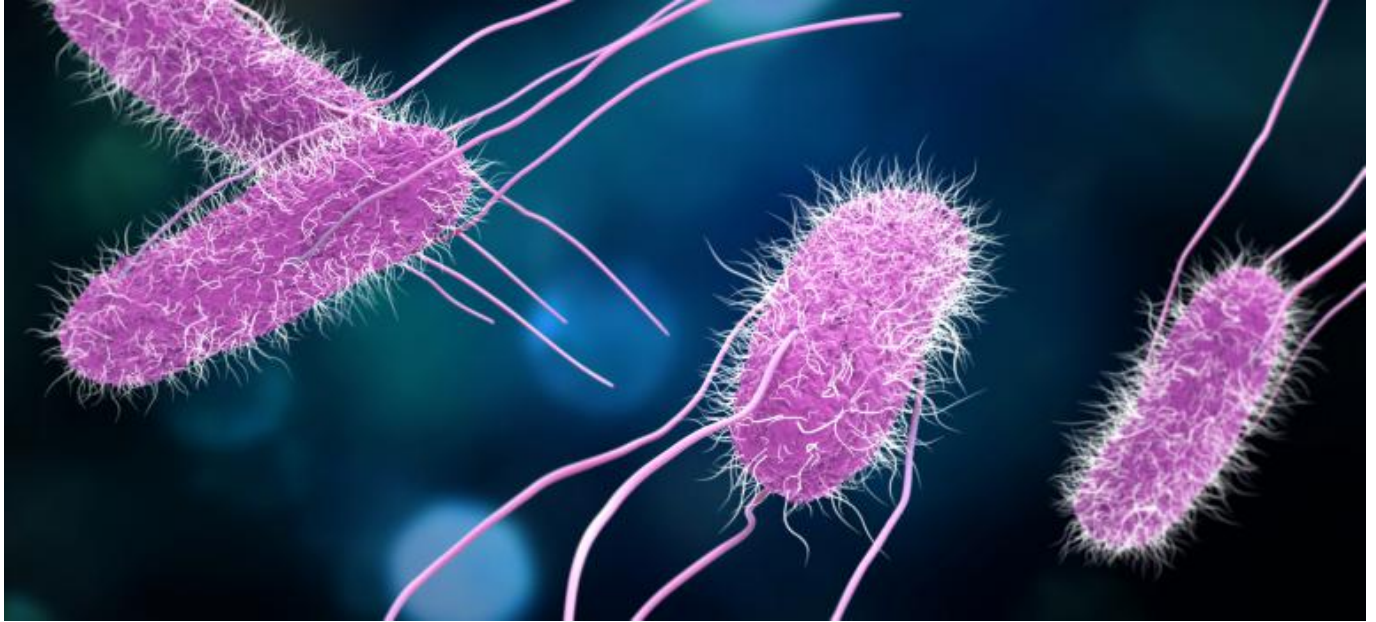


Multi country Salmonella Agona outbreak possibly linked to ready-to-eat food



Five European countries have reported 147 people infected with the strains of *Salmonella Agona* – with 122 cases occurring since the beginning of 2017 and the remaining 25 identified retrospectively between 2014 and 2016.

The number of affected people reported in each country is: United Kingdom (129), Finland (15), Denmark (1), Germany (1) and Ireland (1).

Based on available information, experts from EFSA and ECDC suggested that ready-to-eat products containing cucumbers and prepared in the United Kingdom may be the source of infection. However, they could not identify the specific point in the production chain where contamination took place.

Experts warned that new cases might occur until the source of infection and the specific point of contamination in the production chain are identified.