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Food Poisoning in Passengers on an International Flight from Lima, Peru to Dallas, Texas

On 23 July 2003, the General Office of Epidemiology of the Ministry of Health of Peru—in coordination with the Office of Epidemiology of Panama, with support from PAHO and in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—conducted epidemiological investigation following an early-morning forced landing when 29 passengers showed symptoms of food poisoning between 1:30 and the 4:30 a.m. Those affected were 55 US tourists, 30 of whom were going home after having been at the Biblical Institute of the Assembly of God in Peru. The age of those affected was between 14 and 18 years. The probable source of infection is still under investigation, though to date the findings indicate that the outbreak was not from food ingested in the plane or in the airport.

Complete information is available in Spanish on the website of the General Office of Epidemiology ([Oficina General de Epidemiología / OGE](#)) of Peru.

Source: *Weekly Epidemiological Report* (SE 29-2003), Ministry of Health of Peru.