China firm sacks four over diseased duck scandal

SHANGHAI: A leading Chinese poultry company said it had sacked four employees suspected of being involved in a food safety scandal that saw diseased ducks sold to consumers.

The case is the latest in a long list of high-profile food safety problems to hit China that have included pork deliberately laced with chemicals,

dyed buns and tainted milk.

Huaying Agricultural, which calls itself the "World's Duck King", announced the sackings yesterday after the media reported last week that birds that had died of disease before slaughter had found their way to consumers.

Huaying said it had fired a department manager, the head of two of its farms and two other workers over the case, according to a statement.