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CONTROLS TABLES REGARDING PRESENCE OF HORSE DNA IN FOODS

Hundreds of enterprises regarding meat production/ meat processing units, caterings, and facilities for the refrigerated storage as well as enterprises dealing with retail trade have been inspected so far. Controls throughout country have been designed in a well established representative and proportional rate.

The updated table for controls that have been conducted until now is as follows:

CONTROLS								
	FACILITY TYPE							
	Meat processing facilities	CATERING	Importers	Retail trade	Food Service			
Number	176	26	63	68	14			
Total Facilities inspected : 347								

In addition, 270 samples have been taken so far with regard to various food categories, according to the following table:

LABORATORY ANALYSES							
SAMPLE TYPE	ANALYSIS FOR HORSE DNA						
	Number of Analyses	Negative results	Positive results	Analyses in progress			
Raw material of bovine meat (e.g. meat, minced meat)	64	52	2	10			
Final meat products (e.g. meat balls, soutzoukakia, burgers, kebab)	206	133	32	41			
Total:	270	185	34	51			

All positive in horse DNA samples are further subject to analysis for the determination of the veterinary medicine phenylbutazone -although not foreseen by the Recommendation of the European Commission- but based on EFET own initiate. Thirteen (13) results have been issued up to now from the General Chemical State Laboratory, which were all negative in total.

The following table is given:

LABORATORY ANALYSES								
SAMPLE TYPE	ANALYSES FOR PHENYLBUTAZONE							
	Number of Analyses	Negative results	Positive results	Analyses in progress				
Raw material of bovine meat (e.g.meat, minced meat)	2	2	-	-				
Final meat products (e.g. meat balls, soutzoukakia, burgers, kebab)	32	11	-	21				
Total:	34	13	-	21				