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PRESS RELEASE Product Recall due to detection of horse meat

Following recent laboratory results and after relevant controls of Regional Directorates of EFET in Central Macedonia, Crete and East Macedonia and Thrace as well as of Rural Economy and Veterinary of Prefectural Directorate Viotia, EFET informs consumers that horse meat DNA was detected in nine (9) additional products.

The increasing number of products that have been found to contain horse DNA was the outcome of the continuing further controls in case of positive results.

More specifically, the products involved are the following:

- Meat product, Salami, in package of 450 gr (in Greek «Σαλάμι μπύρας τεμάχια βάρους 450γρ.») with trade name «PASSIAS», Lot Number 75556 111124 and best before date 10/04/2013,
- Meat product, Salami, in package of 330 gr (in Greek «Αλλαντικό σκορδάτο βραστό τεμάχια βάρους 330γρ.» with trade name «PASSIAS», Lot number 75832 and best before date 26/05/2013,
- Meat product, Salami, in package of 0.496 kg (in Greek «Σαλάμι αἐρος τεμάχια βάρους 0,496kg») with trade name «PASSIAS», Lot Number 76039 and best before date 20/05/2013,

which are produced by the company «E.G. PASSIAS AVEE » (7 P. Athinagora str., N. Efkarpia Thessaloniki).

Sausage of Frankfurt type in package of 300 gr (in Greek «Λουκάνικα τ.
 Φραγκφούρτης σε συσκευασία βάρους 300γρ.») with trade name «Mr. Grand», Lot
 number 75846 and best before date 30/03/2013,

 Meat product in package of 600 gr (in Greek «Παριζάκι Γίγας Κλασικό τεμάχια βάρους 600γρ.») with trade name «Mr. Grand», Lot number 76114 and best before

date 18/06/2013,

which are produced on behalf of the company «D. MASOUTIS S.A.» (14th klm Thessaloniki-Vassilikon Road) by the company «E.G. PASSIAS AVEE » (7 P. Athinagora str., N. Efkarpia Thessaloniki)

Frozen Meat balls in packages of 2 kg (in Greek «Κεφτεδάκια ΝΑΠΟΛΙΤΕΝ κατεψυγμένα σε συσκευασία βάρους 2kg») with Lot number 06021339, production date 06/02/2013 and best before date 06/02/2014,

Which are produced by the company «SPECIAL EDESMATA S.A.» (14th klm Thessaloniki-Michaniona Road, Thermi).

Meat product in package of 815 gr (in Greek «ΚΕΜΠΑΠ ΠΑΡΑΔΟΣΙΑΚΟ Χ/ΚΑΛ ΚΤΨ σε συσκευασία βάρους 815γρ.»), with Lot number L:310, packaging date 13-02-2013 and best before date 20-07-2013,

which is produced and packaged by the company «KRIVEK S.A.» (Hersonisos in Herakleio Crete) and was sampled in Hyper Food Market «CHALKIADAKIS S.A.A» (Isavron & Sofokli Venizelou, Herakleio Crete).

 Sausage in package of 455 gr (in Greek «Λουκάνικο Πέταλο») with trade name «Ozyorem Kaysevi sucuk 455 gr», code production L-12345 and best before date 10-4-2013,

which is produced by the dutch company «NL 687 EG» on behalf of the German company «DEMKA GmbH» and sampled in the food shop «ALI MPAMPA» (Arsakeio Sapes, Rhodopi).

 Meat product, Salami, in package of 1800 gr (in Greek «AΓΡΟΤΙΚΟ ΣΑΛΑΜΙ») with trade name « LeFruMarin - Salam Rustic» and best before date 02-03-2013,

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which is produced by the Romanian company «LeFruMarine S.R.L.» and sampled in the Mini Market (17 Smirnis str, Thiva Viotias).

EFET requested the immediate recall/withdrawal of the above products from the internal market. Relevant controls are already in progress including also the investigation of the origin of the raw material used. For the implicated product batches the foreseen measures are going to be implemented according to legislation.

We also inform consumers that further information regarding the progress in the presence of horse meat in foods containing bovine meat, as well as regarding the range of controls, the number of the laboratory tests and the quantification results of the positive samples have been uploaded in EFET's website (http://www.efet.gr).