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PRESS RELEASE

Products Recall due to detection of meat horse

With regard to further consumers' information and following recent laboratory results based on relevant controls of Regional Directorates of EFET in East Macedonia and Thrace, North Aegean and Attica, EFET informs that DNA horse was detected in the following products:

- Frozen traditional meat product soutzouki M.K. (in Greek: "Κατεψυγμένο σουτζουκάκι M.K."), 80g, best before date 12/2/2014, cartboxes of 4kg (horse DNA was detected in percentage > 25%)
- Frozen chicken nuggets 25g (in Greek: "Κατεψυγμένες κοτομπουκίτσες 25g"), best before date 7/1/2014, cartboxes of 3 kg (horse DNA was detected in percentage >10% & <25%)
- Frozen snitchel M.K. (in Greek: "Κατεψυγμένο σνιτσελάκι M.K."), 130g, before date 13/2/2014, cartboxes of 3 kg (horse DNA was detected in percentage <1%)
- Frozen traditional meat product soutzouki M.K. (in Greek: "Κατεψυγμένο σουτζουκάκι M.K."), 80g, before date 16/1/2014, cartboxes of 4 kg (horse DNA was detected in percentage >50%)
- Frozen snitchel M.K. (in Greek: "Κατεψυγμένο σνιτσελάκι M.K."), 130 g, best before 7/12/2013, cartboxes of 3 kg (horse DNA was detected in percentage <1%)

which are produced by the "T&T Foods S.A." company (630 80 Lakkoma, Chalkidikis) for the «Choutos Catering S.A.» company.

- Precooked frozen meat burgers "IFANTIS" (in Greek: "Προψημένα κατεψυγμένα μπιφτέκια "IFANTIS") in package of 10 pieces with net weight 800g and best before date 15/11/2013 (horse DNA was detected in percentage >50%)

which are produced by the "IFANTIS S.A." company (4 Seneka str., Kifissia)

- Frankfurt type Sausages with trade name «NIKAS BEEF sausages t. Frankfurt» (in Greek: «λουκάνικα τύπου Φρανκφούρτης "NIKAS ΜΟΣΧΑΠΙ λουκάνικα τ. Φρανκφούρτης"»), 280 g, best before date 5/5/2013, (horse DNA was detected in percentage >10% & <25%)
- Meat product Parizaki with trade name "NIKAS BEEF parizaki" (in Greek: «παριζάκι "NIKAS ΜΟΣΧΑΠΙ παριζάκι"»), 300 g, best before date 6/6/2013 (horse DNA was detected in percentage >1% & <20%)

which are produced by the "P. G. NIKAS AVEE" company (22nd klm Athinon-Lamia National Road, Ag. Stefanos Attiki).

EFET has requested the immediate recall/withdrawal of the above products from the internal market. Relevant controls are already in progress. It is stressed out that the recall/withdrawal refers only to the above batches of the products.

Regarding the positive to horse DNA samples, EFET, by its own initiative and although not foreseen by the Recommendation of the European Commission, has engaged these samples to further laboratory testing for the determination of substance phenylbutazone. The first eight (8) results have been issued by the General Chemical State Laboratory, which were negative, in total.

We also inform consumers that further detailed information regarding the case of the presence of horse DNA in foods of bovine meat can be found in EFET's website (http://portal.efet.gr/portal/page/portal/efetnew/horse_meat_alertgr) (the majority of them is in greek language).