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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Product Recall due to the detection of horse meat**

Following laboratory results pertaining to samples taken after relevant controls by the Directorate of Rural Economy and Veterinary of the South Sector Prefecture Unit of the Prefecture of Attica, EFET informs consumers that horse DNA has been detected in the following products (see photos below):

- Salami with the trade name (in Cyrillic script) "МОСКОВСКАЯ ПРЕМИУМ" (in Latin script: "MOSKOVSKAYA PREMIUM") in 200g packages with best before date 22/04/2013, produced by the Latvian company "SIA GRAVENDALE" (LV A003355 EK) and distributed by "CHARATSIDOU E. - TSAKIRIDOU A. S.A." company (in Greek: "ΧΑΡΑΤΣΙΔΟΥ Ε. - ΤΣΑΚΙΡΙΔΟΥ Α. Ο.Ε.") based at 8 Petrou Ralli street, Athens. The percentage of horse DNA detected was 95,8%.
- Tin product with the trade name "bovine meat in its natural bouillon" (in Greek: "Κρέας βοδινό στο φυσικό του ζωμό" in 325g packages with best before date 31/10/2014 produced by the Latvian company "VIKTORS RADILOVECS VALDES LOCEKLIS RITAL D" (LV A002138 EK) and distributed by "OLGA PAPADOPOULOU" company (in Greek: "ΟΛΓΑ ΠΑΠΑΔΟΠΟΥΛΟΥ") based at 1 Aristogeitonos street, Acharnai, Attica. The percentage of horse DNA detected was less than 1%.
- Tin product with the trade name (in Latin script) "TOUSHONKA veal" in 400g packages with best before date 29/10/2015, produced by the French company "ETS PAUL TOUPNOT CONCERVES VIANDES" (FR 65 286 002 CE) and distributed by "KESSIDIS CHRISTOFOROS & SIA" company (in Greek: "ΚΕΣΙΔΗΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΦΟΡΟΣ & ΣΙΑ Ο.Ε.") based in Aspropyrgos. The percentage of horse DNA detected was more than 10%.

The Directorate of Rural Economy and Veterinary of the South Sector has requested the immediate recall / withdrawal of the above products from the Greek market and relevant controls are already under way. Moreover, samples have been sent to the General Chemical State Laboratory for the determination of the chemical substance phenylbutazone.

Consumers can find further detailed updates in relation to the presence of horse meat in foods containing beef by visiting the following link on EFET's internet site:

[http://portal.efet.gr/portal/page/portal/efetnew/horse\\_meat\\_alertgr](http://portal.efet.gr/portal/page/portal/efetnew/horse_meat_alertgr)

