

PRESS RELEASE of the FASFC

RUSSIA : likely contamination of milkpowder with Salmonella

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As a result of an information received from The International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN) by the European 'Rapid alert system for food and feed' (RASFF), Belgium has been informed about a likely contamination of milkpowder with Salmonella Oranienburg in the North of Russia.

According to the spokesman of a local agency for food safety, the milkpowder that caused the contamination of children should originate from Belgium.

The FASFC immediately started an inquiry to the Belgian producer.

As a result of that inquiry it appears that only one batch of 19 tons was concerned. From this batch 16 tons were sent to Russia in January, 2011. The remaining 3 tons were mixed with other batches and sent to certain third countries. The concerned countries have already been informed by Belgium via the RASFF-system.

No product at all from this batch has been delivered in Europe, and thus not in Belgium.

As a result of the controls performed by the FASFC in the producing plant, all measures were taken in order to avoid another incident.

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