

Mislabeled beef. Update

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Nestlé Spain, in close collaboration with the authorities, has been DNA testing the beef supplied to us, in line with the policy of the Nestlé Group. The tests have shown that one batch, supplied by Servocar, a company from Casarrubios del Monte (Toledo) contains horse DNA above the 1% threshold likely to indicate adulteration. Servocar had certified the batch as containing 100% beef so Nestlé has decided to stop buying and sue them legally to ask for responsibilities.

There is no food safety issue, but the mislabeling of products means they fail to meet the very high standards consumers expect from us. We are removing from the shelf all the products produced with this supplier, and we will replace them with product confirmed by DNA testing to be made from 100% beef.

Bernard Meunier, General Manager of Nestlé Spain said "It is clear this is a problem almost all manufacturers in the food industry now face. There is widespread fraud being committed across Europe. This is totally unacceptable. I want to apologise to consumers and reassure them we remain vigilant. We will test new deliveries of beef we receive from all our suppliers for horse DNA. We are enhancing our quality assurance and testing procedures to ensure that we don't face the same problem in future. The quality and safety of our products is, and will always be our number one priority"

The products removed from the shelf are:

- Fusilli boloñesa Buitoni
- Canelones microondas La Cocinera
- Empanada gallega de carne La Cocinera
- Relleno de carne La Cocinera
- Gratén de berenjenas la Cocinera
- Empanadillas de carne La Cocinera

We regret any inconvenience this causes to consumers. Any consumer who needs more information can contact Nestlé Spain consumer services on 900 811 486.