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**RASFF
ALERT**

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VERY URGENT - TRES URGENT

ALERT NOTIFICATION: 2010.1771-add04

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**SUBJECT: DIOXINS IN VEGETABLE FEED FAT FOR PIGS AND
POULTRY FROM GERMANY**

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Information from the Commission on the RASFF notification 2010.1771 concerning dioxins in vegetable feed fat for pigs and poultry from Germany

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→ At one feed fat producing company in Germany, feed fat intended for feed has been mixed with a batch of **fatty acids intended for technical purposes**, contaminated with dioxins.

→ The batch of fatty acids for technical purposes was originating from a biodiesel company in Germany. Six other batches of fatty acids, of which it is not yet known if they were contaminated with dioxins, were delivered from the biodiesel company to the feed fat producer.

→ **By way of precaution, pending the outcome of dioxin analysis**, all feed fat produced at the feed fat company from 12 November 2010 onwards is considered as being potentially contaminated.

→ The potentially contaminated feed fat has been delivered to 25 compound feed manufacturers in Germany. **There were no deliveries of potentially contaminated feed fat outside Germany.**

→ Compound feed produced with the potentially contaminated feed fat has been delivered to laying hen, fattening poultry and pig farms only in Germany. Based on the available information, **no deliveries of potentially contaminated compound feed has taken place outside Germany.**

→ Analysis of compound feed produced with contaminated feed fat indicated a contamination level of 1.1 to 1.5 ng WHO- PCDD/F-TEQ /kg product (The EU maximum level being 0.75 ng/kg product).

The highest level found for the moment in eggs produced with contaminated feed is 12 pg WHO – PCDD/F – TEQ / g fat (the EU maximum level being 3.0 pg/g fat)

→ **All potentially contaminated feed fat, compound feed and affected farms are blocked by the German authorities by way of precaution, pending the outcome of the analysis of dioxins. The contaminated food products (eggs and poultry/pig meat, no other food products concerned) originating from the affected farms are being traced and withdrawn from the market.**

→ Based on the current information (4 January 2011), **no contaminated food of animal origin has been traded or exported to other Member States and third countries** with the exception of the delivery of two batches

of potentially contaminated eggs to the Netherlands (RASFF notification 2010.1771-add3).

➔ In case further investigations reveal trade of potentially contaminated food to other Member States, **the information will be immediately transmitted through the RASFF.**

➔ The German authorities have provided the Commission on 4 January afternoon with an overview report on the contamination incident. This report will be transmitted through the RASFF in English today

➔ The European Commission is closely monitoring the situation with the German authorities and all relevant information related to this contamination incident will be immediately transmitted through the RASFF.

➔ An update of the contamination incident will also be provided at the forthcoming meetings of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health (the first time at the meeting of 11-12 January 2011 of the section Animal Health & Welfare, Controls and import conditions).