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Aflatoxin contaminated dog food

Pretoria: Following reports in the media of dogs dying after consuming pet food suspected to be contaminated with aflatoxins the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries conducted an inspection at a facilities where Hi-Pro, Buddies and Legends products are manufactured. Samples of Hi-Pro and Buddies product were taken to ARC-ONDERSTEPOORT-VETERINARY INSTITUTE for analyses and these samples tested positive for aflatoxins. [Link](#) with clinnical The inspections also uncovered a number of non-compliance issues ranging from finished product samples not being kept at facilities to lack of traceability system and quality control procedures. After satisfying himself that these facilities have failed to comply with the requirements of the Act, the Registrar acting under section 4 of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act (Act No. 36 of 1947) cancelled the Registrations of Buddies Complete Dog Food(V 15814); Legends Dog Food (V 17593); and Hi-Pro Dog Food (V 16809) on 11 May 2011.

On Monday 09 may 2011, Act No. 36 of 1947 inspectors seized over 3000 bags of unregistered product called Mighty Bite at Hi-Pro Dog Food manufacturing facilities. Another consignment of might bite was seized at Spar in Pretoria on 11 May 2011.

The department continues to monitor the situation and is carrying out more tests.

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