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REJECTION OF PRODUCT IN GREECE

A consignment of Australian prawns was rejected by the Greek import authorities in July 2007. The entire consignment was rejected, although the product from only one lot was found by the Greek authorities to contain cadmium in excess of the European Union (EU) Maximum Level (ML) for cadmium in crustaceans. The product from all other lots tested was found to meet the standard.

The Greek authorities interpret the EU requirements to mean that a consignment is the product covered by a single health certificate and if the product of any one of the lots within that consignment does not meet EU standards all of the consignment will be rejected. The Greek authorities have advised that they will not modify their interpretation of this issue.

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